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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

DR. BOOKER WASHINGTON MAKES FINE ARGUMENT

BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

In Behalf of Exposition—Mu-So-Lit Club Celebrates Douglass and Lincoln Birthdays—Howard University Trustees Meet.

Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—The outlook for the passage by Congress of the bill providing for the commission of seven to consider the feasibility of a semi-centennial exposition of Negro progress grows brighter every day. The admirable speech of Congressman E. L. Taylor, Jr., in the House has opened the eyes of all who have felt inclined to doubt the wisdom of such an undertaking, and assurances have come to him from many quarters of sympathy for the measure, and promises that it shall have their vote when the matter comes up for final settlement. The project is not looked upon as a racial institution, pure and simple, but one in which the entire country shall have a share, because of its commercial, educational and historic advantage to black and white. Not only is America concerned, but the world will be given an opportunity to witness a spectacle that will be an international inspiration.

On Wednesday last Dr. Booker T. Washington, to whom Congress and the friends of the bill all over the country are looking for leadership, appeared before the Senate committee on industrial arts and expositions, of which Senator Jones, of Washington, is chairman, and delivered a strong argument in favor of the measure and won plaudits from every member present. A tacit agreement seems to have been reached that the committee will report the bill favorably, and that definite action will be taken as soon as the House has voted upon it. As stated last week, the House committee recommended that the bill do pass.

Up to this time the full strength of the friends of the exposition project has been placed upon securing the passage of this measure with its necessary $5,000 appropriation, and little thought has been given to the personnel of the commission that is to be created. Even as yet, no promises have been made to anyone, and no hint has been given as to who will constitute the body that will inquire in the basic ideals upon which the enterprise must rest. It goes, without saying, that in order to secure the confidence of the country and guarantee the success of the great enterprise, the commission that is to formulate the initial plans and justify Congress in granting an adequate appropriation to finance it, will have to be made up of the most representative men of the nation, and include strong and capable members of both races. It is more than likely that when the measure is adopted a quiet canvass will be made among the forces that have evinced a constant interest in the development of the Negro, and who will stand up for an exposition worthy of the fifty years' history that it is to portray, and that they, together with a group of trusted colored leaders, will be asked to serve as commissioners. It is hinted that the announcement of the names that some of the close friends of the project have in mind will occasion no small degree of surprise. From what can be learned at this early stage of the proceedings the people will enthusiastically endorse the program that has been tentatively mapped out.

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In fitting fashion the "Mu-So-Lit" Club, made up of seventy of the leading factors in the social, musical, literary and official life of the nation's capital, celebrated the birthday anniversaries of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. The meeting was held in the assembly rooms of the club in the Washington Conservatory of Music, and the audience that gathered there was one of the most brilliant that the District has seen in many a day, and one that could scarcely be duplicated among the Negro people in any other community in the world.

Judge Robert H. Terrell, of the Municipal Court, delivered a carefully prepared address on "The Life and Character of Frederick Douglass," and he told the story of the strivings, yearnings and labors of that immortal genius for the freedom and uplift of his race as it has probably never been told before in this vicinage. He quoted liberally from the stirring anti-slavery speeches of the great agitator and drew the lessons in bold relief that the Negro of today must learn in order to vitalize the work that Douglass left for posterity to do. Register of the Treasury W. T. Vernon pronounced the eulogy upon "Abraham Lincoln," and revealed the world's most noted emancipator in lights that were more inspiring than ever to the people who owe their liberty and citizenship to his broad, statesmanly policies and tender sympathies for the oppressed. Tracing, step by step, the rise of the rugged youth from the Kentucky cabin to the White House, Register Vernon pronounced Lincoln "America's foremost man." Washington hears both Judge Terrell and Register Vernon often, and upon many subjects, and they always give a good account of themselves, but their admirers confess, in all candor, that neither has ever appeared to better advantage than on the occasion of the "Mu-So-Lit" Club's joint celebration in honor of Douglass and Lincoln. The opportunity was a great one, and each made the most of it. Supplementary speeches were delivered by Judge M. W. Gibbs, of Arkansas; Lieut. B. O. Davis, United States Military Attache for the Liberian Republic; Dr. John R. Francis and Recorder John C. Dancy. In the absence of President Curtis, Vice-President W. H. Clifford, of Ohio, occupied the chair and made a fine impression as a presiding officer. A significant feature of the evening was the presence of Major Charles R. Douglass and Haley Douglass, the son and grandson of Frederick Douglass, who, being called upon, voiced their deepest gratitude for the appreciative sentiments expressed concerning their illustrious kinsman.

The March meeting of the "Mu-So-Lit" will be devoted to a memorial tribute to Paul Laurence Dunbar, and the life of Phyllis Wheatly will also be reviewed. The "Mu-So-Lit" Glee Club, a new organization just formed by Mr. Charles G. Harris, will make its initial bow.

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The board of trustees of Howard University held an important session last Wednesday. Among those present were Justice Job Barnard, president of the board; Justice Anderson, of the District Supreme Court; Chief Justice Banton J. Peelle and Justice G. W. Atkinson, of the Court of Claims; Dr. E. M. Gallaudet, president of Gallaudet College; President W. P. Thirkield, of Howard University; Dr. A. H. Richrards, of New York; Dr. Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee Institute; Dr. J. H. N. Waring, Dr. J. E. Moorland, Dr. John R. Francis, Prof. E. L. Parks, Prof. George William Cook and Mr. Henry E. Baker. Justice John M. Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, was present, and after his clean-cut explanation as to why the George Washington University should receive the benefits conferred by the extension of the Morrill Fund to the District of Columbia, the board reached the conclusion that it would be the part of wisdom for Howard University to withdraw its request for a share in this appropriation for the study of scientific agriculture. The opinion was freely expressed that Congress had been particularly liberal in assisting Howard University, therefore it would be unwise, at this time, to show a disposition to insist upon sharing in the apprapriation under the Morrill act. Dean Kelly Miller, of the College of Arts and Sciences, had made a strong fight for participation in the allotment, and while the issue was not pressed finally the eloquent presentation of Howard's claims upon the purse-strings of the nation bid fair to bring forth fruit at some subsequent date.

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At this meeting the trustees of Howard University decided to modify the course of studies in the College of Arts and Sciences with the beginning of the next academic year. The system of free electives is to be abandoned at the close of the present year, when the group system will be adopted. The electives, it is asserted, fail to afford the training for which the college system should stand. Under the group system, Howard students will pursue a proportionate amount of prescribed work each year, with the privilege of electing the remainder of the courses. The electives increase in the junior and senior years. The board authorized the maintenance of a correspondence school of theology to assist Negro ministers. This branch of instruction will be conducted by the Rev. Frank C. Woodbury. President Thirkield reported all departments in a flourishing condition, with an increased attendance over last year, between 1,200 and 1,300 students being enrolled.

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Perhaps the most notable action taken by this session of the Howard University board was the election of Judge Robert H. Terrell, of the Municipal Court, as a lecturer in the Howard law school, a line of work which he is especially adapted. Judge Terrell is an alumnus of the law department of Howard, and has a lively interest in all things that tended to increase its efficiency and general welfare. As a professor, he will have larger opportunities to labor in its behalf, and, with his rich legal learning, he will be sure to elevate the standard of the law school to a point equal to that of the best in the land. The choice is an excellent one from every angle, and both Howard University and the judge are being congratulated upon their mutual good fortune. The selection is in keeping with the custom in vogue throughout the law schools of the District of utilizing the judges of the various courts as instructors. Justices Harlan and Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court; Justices Wright and Gould, and others, of the District Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, all occupy chairs in the several law schools, and are making Washington the Mecca for young men who desire a legal education at the hands of the world's most learned jurists. In this work Judge Terrell can be relied upon to do his full share.

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The funeral of the late Rev. George W. Lee, last Thursday, was held for six continuous hours at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church. The house was packed, and many brought their lunches with them in anticipation of the long service. The streets were jammed and a detail of police, in charge of Capt. Doyle of the eighth precinct, was required to keep the thoroughfares surrounding the church open to traffic. Dr M. W. D. Norman's sermon was a touching one, and his story of the countless benefactions rendered by the good man brought forth wails of anguish from the bereaved congregation that were caught up in a sympathetic wave by those on the outside. It is said that twenty-five pastors took part in the eulogies which followed the sermon. For the succession as pastor at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, Rev. William Willis, who has been serving for some time as co-pastor, is mentioned. He is said to be a young man of marked ability, and that Dr. Lee had trained him for the ministry with a view of having him take the pulpit at his death. Dr. D. Webster Davis, the popular Richmond divine, is also said to be in mind for the place.

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Rector T. J. Brown, of St. Luke's P. E. Church, has declined the call extended by St. Mark's P. E. Church of Wilmington, N. C. He is a worthy successor to such ministerial chieftains as the Rev. Alexander Crummell and Rev. Owen Meredith Waller, and is well liked by his congregation and vestry.

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The appointment of Judge Robert H. Terrell as a professor in the Howard Law School is chargeable to the influence and far-seeing sagacity of Dr. John R. Francis, one of the most useful members of the board of trustees.

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Douglass Day was celebrated in all of the colored public schools last Monday. The day was observed in the evening by Howard University students in Andrew Ranking Memorial Chapel, and on Tuesday evening by Bethel Literary and Historical Association.

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A movement is on foot to place a statue of John Brown, the famous abolitionist, in the Hall of Fame at the United States capital. The plans were laid at a recent meeting of the Independent League of the District of Columbia, of which Rev. S. L. Corrothers, pastor of Galbraith A. M. E. Zion Church, is president.

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The headlines, "After Dancy's Place," are working overtime in the local dailies, but the good-humored recorder of deeds gives himself no uneasiness about the matter. Doubtless he "knows something."

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President Taft sent a check for $50 to aid in the rebuilding of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga., which was recently destroyed by fire. The President said: "I was sorry to hear of the burning of the Morris Brown College, but I am glad to know that you are struggling to rebuild it. I herewith send a check for $50 as a contribution to this fund. This is a small check, but I have a great many calls."

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Lawyers L. M. King and J. W. Patterson ably represented the local lodges of Elks at the recent love feast held at Wilmington, Del. Messrs. King and Patterson say they are well pleased with the outlook for their order now that the warring factions have reached an amicable understanding. The suits against the order by the whites will be defended to the bitter end, and they are confident that their contention will ultimately be sustained by the Supreme Court of the United States.

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The stockholders of the Odd Fellows Hall Association have re-elected all of the officers of the previous year to continue their painstaking service. They are: President, Thomas H. Wright; vice-president, Lawrence Clark; secretary, Samuel W. Watson; treasurer, Joseph Manning; assistant secretary, Alexander F. Hicks. Directors, Isaac W. Scott, Henry P. Slaughter, James Langhorne and W. O. Davis. Auditors, Richard F. Williams, Alexander S. Howard and David Warner.

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Attorney J. Alexander Chiles, prosecuting a suit for damages against the Chesepeake & Ohio Railroad for color discrimination, filed a demurrer to the prayer of the railroad for a dismissal of the case this week before the Supreme Court of the United States. The action came up from the State of Kentucgy, where the alleged discrimination took place, and Mr. Chiles has been pushing the matter with vigor, believing that a square-toed decision from the highest tribunal in the land will knock the bottom out of the whole "jim crow" car system. The unique scriptural tone of the demurrer attracted considerable attention at the hands of the court officials.

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Mrs. E. C. Williams, wife of Prof. Williams, principal of M Street High School, addressed the quarterly meeting of the Colored Young Women's Christian Association a few evenings ago at Lincoln Temple on "The Forward March of Women." She argued, with charming logic, that the development of woman along literary and similar lines better prepare her for the peculiar duties of home-making. Mrs. Williams has been here but a short time, comparatively, but is identifying herself with the uplifting activities of the community, and is a social factor of prominence.

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The allegorical poem read by Prof. W. A. Joiner at the Mu-So-Lit Club's celebration of Douglass and Lincoln's anniversary was a classic, and deserves wide publication. Prof Joiner is president of "The Wilberforcians," and an instructor in one of the departments at Howard University. Arrangements have been made by him, in connection with President L. G. Gregory, of Bethel Literary and Historical Association, to hold a special "Wilberforce Night" early in March, at which time President William Howard Taft is expected to deliver the address. It will be one of the "red letter" events in the history of Wilberforce University.

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Dr. Adolph Segura, a clerk in the office of the auditor for the postoffice department, appointed from Louisiana, is to be transferred to the office of the auditor for the navy department, over which Mr. Ralph W. Tyler presides with dignity and precision. Dr. Segura is the seventh colored clerk to be placed in this office since the advent of Mr. Tyler as auditor in 1907. This is a further demonstration of Mr. Tyler's ability and willingness to "do things" for the substantial benefit of his people. Mr. Tyler works quietly, and is opposed to brass band ,methods, but his labors count heavily for those who are "bearing the burden in the heat of the day," as it were.

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Arthur Leo Curtis, son of Dr. A. M. Curtis, and well known as "Doc" himself, was severely injured about the face in the recent basket ball game between the Y. M. C. A. team, of which he is a star member, and the Academy team from Howard University. The cut required three sutures, and he was kept confined at home for several days. Notwithstanding his battered up condition, he insisted upon playing in the game against the Smart Set from Brooklyn, N. Y., as his teammates were apprehensive about the result if he remained out. "Doc" Curtis helped to "clean-up" the Smart Set to the tune of 24 to 15, playing a brilliant game as left forward, leading for the first goal that took the wind out of the Brooklynites for the rest of the evening.

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Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, president of the thriving National Training School for Girls at Lincoln Heights, has returned to the city after a whirlwind campaign of Texas and other southern States. She reports a successful tour, and was able to stir up much enthusiasm for the great institution she is building up for the colored girls and women who find their work in the arena of domestic life—and there is where 95 per cent. of them do find it. On Lincoln Day tags bearing the picture of Abraham Lincoln were sold throughout the city by a committee of fifty women interested in the training school, and a large sale is reported. Miss Burroughs authorizes the announcement that the Women's Amercan Baptist Home Mission Association (white) is extending material aid to the institution, paying a teacher as dean of the missionary training department.

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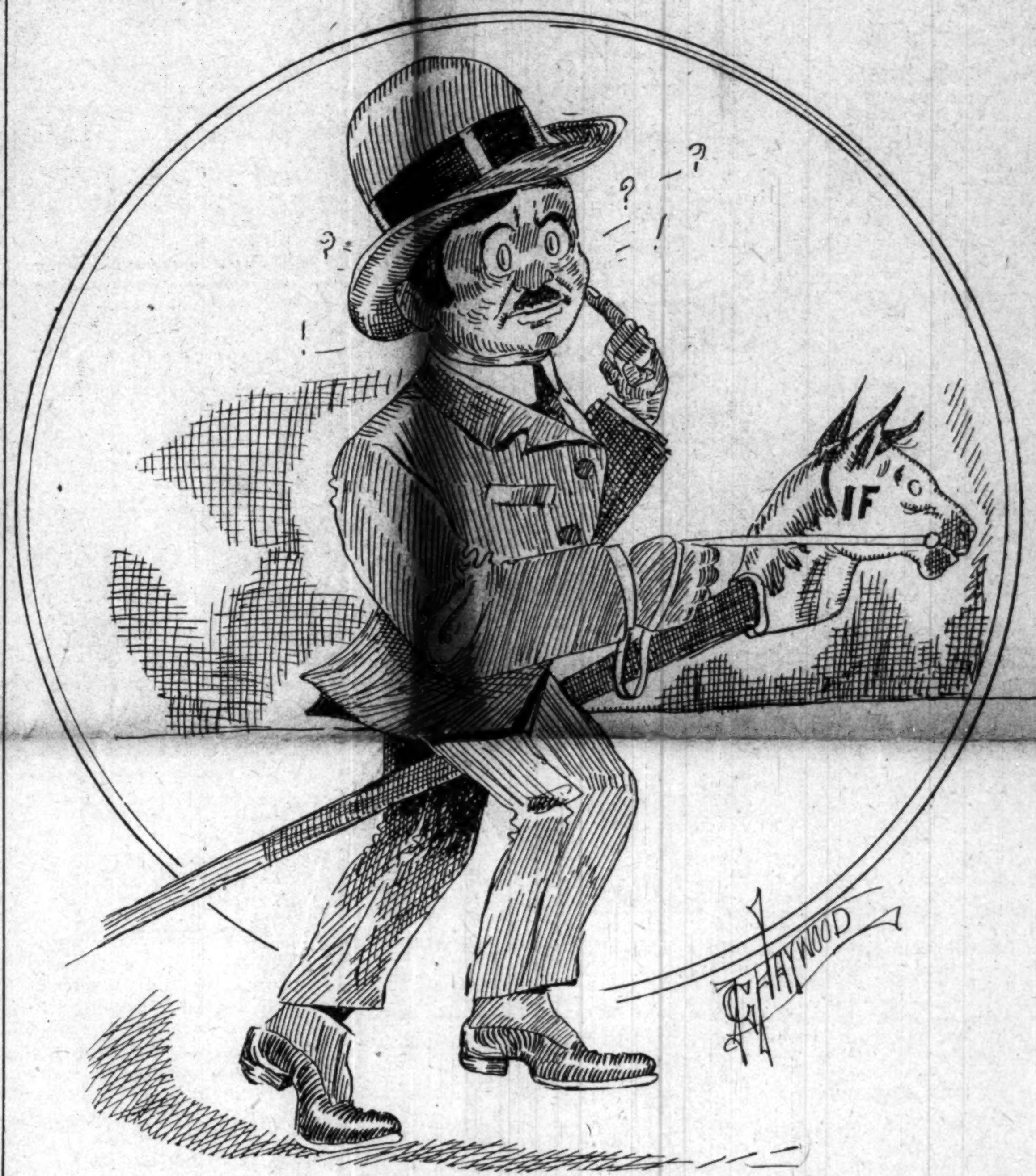

The age of the hobby riding is past.

WASHINGTON, PA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The sixth annual session of the Presiding Elders' Council, which was held at St. Paul's A. M. E. church, was a grand success and largely attended by home and visiting friends as well. Burgess Hoyt's address of welcome was warmly received, and after an interesting program had been concluded the famous man, Bishop Derrick, closed the evening's session with strong words of wisdom and a bright hope for the future of the race....Mr. and Mrs. James Moe and Mrs. Yates of Wheeling, W. Va., were guests of Miss B. Cox last Sabbath....Mrs. M. Butler, the wife of Lawyer Butler, is seriously ill at the home of her parents....Mr. Charles Wheeler and William Hays spent Sunday with their parents....Mrs. Blanch Thomas was suddenly called to Charleroi, Pa., on account of the illness of Mr. Oliver Storms. ....Mr. Albert Smith died suddenly of heart failure last Saturday evening. He was one of the highly respected colored citizens of the city.... The funeral of Mrs. Anna Dorsey took place at her home. She was largely known throughout the city and was the widow of the late Hugh Dorsey. She was 82 years at the time of her death....Miss Mattie Baxter, who has been very ill, is improving....The musical and recital given at St. Pauls A. M. E. church was a rare treat. The Xanorphia quintet of Pittsburg rendered quite a number of fine selections. Mr. Ulysses Walters, John Tobias and Mr. and Mrs. Honesty, our local talent, held their own as usual.

MITCHELL, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. H. J. Thompson preached the sacramental sermon at Washington, Ind..... Mr. Anderson of Bloomington visited Prof. James Knight and family....Mrs. Rosa Ventree, Mrs. Rain, Mrs. Cooper, Mr. William Allen are on the sick list....Virgil Terrell, the little son of Comodora Terel, is sick. ....Mr. Press Terrell's children are on the sick list....Miss Jennie Finley has gone to Bedford to make her home with her aunt, Miss Alice Finley....Mrs. Henrietta Lewis and Miss Ollie Mitchell gave a surprise on Rev. Thompson's wife Monday night. The following persons donated: Rev. J. L. Mason, Mr. Horace Rain, James Russell, Harry Edmonds, Franel Lamount, Mrs. Mitchell, Ellen Russell, Cora Russell, Mrs. Hughes, Master Clyde Hughes and Willie Cooper.

JIM CROWISM DISCUSSED

AT COLORED Y. M. C. A. MEETING AT LOUISVILLE

MUST REMEDY CAUSE OF HATEFUL LAW

Says Dr. C. H. Parrish—Continuous Admission of Negro's Shortcomings in White Publilications—General Notes.

By CARY B. LEWIS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 15.—The continuous talk of "Jim Crowism" by our leading men of this city and getting their names in the papers has caused the colored citizens to utter some very stinging remarks. It is believed that Prof. A. E. Meyzeek and Dr. C. H. Parrish mean well in their eager desire to stay the hand of "Jim Crow." It was the consensus of opinion that no public talk was to be made on the proposed measure, and that a quiet and systematic effort would be put forth in opposition, and that the city railway would defeat the measure on business and commercial grounds.

This would not do. There was a Y. M. C. A. meeting last Sunday at the New Hope Baptist Church, primarily to augment the interests of the association, but when the citizens read the following morning's papers they saw that leaders admitted that there was room for passage of an ordinance to segregate the blacks.

The killing frost was a headline in bold black type, "Cause Exists for 'Jim Crow' Law Say Negro Educators." In order to give their line of argument, we quote:

"When talking with influential men in behalf of the Negroes," said Prof. Meyzeek, "we were continually faced with the argument that the Negroes did not behave themselves on the street care. We were forced to admit this. It was an argument there was no getting around. I have seen—and so have you—members of our race get on cars and talk in loud and boisterious manner, yelling to one another from either end of the car. This will not do. We have in a measure succeeded in placing the Negroes of the city on probation, and one overt act will cause us to lose all the ground we have gained. Remember this and act accordingly."

Dr. Parrish, who is well known for his work in behalf of the Negro race, was the next speaker, and he heartily indorsed all that was said by Prof. Meyzeek in regard to the conduct of those of his race on the street cars. He declared that he had frequently seen Negroes act impolitely and disagreeably on the street cars, and counseled his hearers in the future to be more considerate; to get up and give their seats to women, mindless of race or color.

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"Follow my way," said the minister, "and when you are in a crowded car get up and give your seat to the white women. Maybe the white men won't give up their seats to your wives and sweethearts, but two wrongs do not make a right, and because they are impolite is no reason why you should be. Don't hold malice because your white neighbors would rather not sit by one of your own race, and, if possible, avoid sitting by a white woman. I don't want to sit next to anyone who don't care to have me sit there, and you should feel the same way.

"Above all, be polite. Politeness costs nothing, and accomplishes a great deal. Many a Negro has successfully held a position he was not qualified in experience to hold because of his politeness. Many a domestic has held her position because she was kind, courteous and thoughtful when not otherwise qualified to do the work required.

"Remember, now; help us to defeat this proposed ordinance by behaving in such a manner in the cars that it will not be necessary. We can create a sentiment against the imposition of such a law if we can convince the white people that it is not needed.

"Be careful of your conduct, and let not one wrong bring on another. Suffer in humility rather than resent a slight at the cost of the entire Negro population of the city."

The Rev. Parrish, after concluding his remarks with regard to the "Jim Crow" measure, preached a sermon on "The Soul," taking as his text, "What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world to lose his own soul?"

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The annual mid-year commencement exercises of the Central High School were held last Thursday night at Liederktantz Hall, Sixth and Walnut streets. In many respects it was the best commencement of the high school in years. It seems that a new inspiration came over the young people to do better than their predecessors in oratory and music.

The hall was packed and hundreds were turned away. J. H. ough, president of the school board, and Superintendent E. H. Mark had seats right up where they could both see and hear. The speeches seem to differ for the most part from those of previous commencements. Instead of all the speakers having subjects on "Rome, Italy," and such like, several of the speakers took up very plain subjects and discussed things of real interest, questions that are before the American people now.

All of the speakers did splendidly. There was no failure. Prof. D. L. Lawson, principal of the school, acted as master of ceremonies. Lucis H. Brown was salutatorin of his class and Bessie Jones was valedictorian. These two orations were excellently delivered. Miss Jones was in perfect voice, natural and sweet. Her tribute to the citizens of Louisville, teachers and Louisville school board, was a gem. She was the best girl speaker of the evening, and, as we said before, was the honored member of the class.

Somewhat surprised was the large audience when Griffiths Brannon, a bright,

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SHORT FLIGHTS.

BY R. W. THOMPSON.

Abraham Lincoln.

Simple and strong and large, type of
the plan
Great Nature offers when God builds
a Man!
Great frame, great aim, great soul,
great heart were thine:
A chosen vessel for a task divine!
—Henry C. McCook.

Littleness never pays in the long run.

There is always an "open door" for the booster.

The "knocker," like the poor, "ye have with ye always."

Friends do not accept as gospel truth the lies of your enemies.

The mystery is that Capt. George W. Chivis allowed Dr. Cook to beat him to it.

Citizen Joseph Benson Foraker is by no means a "dead 'un" in Ohio politics.

The factions will all agree upon the proposition that the cost of living must be reduced.

This is the one hundred and first anniversary of the world's greatest liberator, Abraham Lincoln.

The man who "minds his own business" has little time to "pay any mind" to the concerns of others.

If you cannot work with one set of men, don't stop working. Carry your pent-up energies into a more congenial company.

For a job that carries no salary, there is quite a demand for places on the proposed 1913 exposition commission. Public spirit and altruism are not dead yet.

New York was the happiest selection the National Negro Business League could have made as the seat of its next session. St. Louis is next on the cards, 'tis said.

Why have we so neglected to celebrate the birthday of that illustrious warrior and master of fate who vialized the emancipation policies of Abraham Lincoln—General Ulysses S. Grant?

A great opportunity confronts the Negro leaders of to-day. "Will they measure up to it?" That is the question heard everywhere. The country has its ear close to the ground, awaiting the answer.

Social standing, based upon such an ephemeral thing as a political job, is the dream of a fool. Character, intelligence, culture and personality are the only foundations upon which the social fabric can permanently rest.

Even at the risk of being accused of professional jealousy, we cannot refrain from throwing out a hint that Explorer Matt Henson's press agent is not "on the job" as lively as the vast opportunity certainly warrants. Now is the time for him to beat his bass drum with both sticks.

The scheme to make black folks white by chemical and electricity appears to be a great thing, but while abolishing the dark color of the skin, no provision has been made for straightening the hair. More light is wanted on this matter before we undertake to cross over into the white race by the chemical or electrical bridge.

The benefits of the Morrill Fund for the development of scientific agriculture should be spreat out so as to include the District of Columbia and Howard University should have the allotment asked so eloquently by Prof. Kelly Miller, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of that worthy institution. In its scope, Howard is both national and international.

A letter from the Negroes in the various states, urging members of Congress to vote for the bill to pay the remaining installment of the debt due the depositors of the late Freedmen's Bank, would make its passage certain. The voice of the people is respected when the cause is just and when legislators think they cannot afford to offend a large number of their best class of constituents.

The gallant Twenty-fifth Infantry has made a hit with the good people near Seattle and Spokane, Washington. Whatever may be said of others, the Negro soldier stands for law and order, and the City Council of Spokane showed the proper spirit of appreciation of their worth when it adopted a vote of thanks for the timely protective service rendered by our men during the recent disturbances in that city.

The Louisville Columbian, the Indianapolis Recorder and the Norfolk Journal and Guide all have new heads, typographically speaking. The well-filled and happily-assorted brain pans of Editors ePters, George P. Stewart and P. B. Young stand in no need of alteration or renewal. They are getting out splendid sheets and are invariably on the right side of the questions of the hour.

The aNtional Negro Press Association, upon which the press of the race is united, will be on hand at New York a day or so ahead of the "big show," ready to do Business with a capital B. Messrs. Fred R. Moore, N. B. Dodson, Lester Walton, George W. Harris, Sumner H. Lark and the rest of the fraternity will have the "glad hand" extended in welcome to the boys from the provinces.

The lives and work of Lincoln and Douglass are indissolubly linked. The suggestion that their birthdays be celebrated jointly is a good one. Every Negro church, school and society should take action emphasizing the sacred significance of the natal day of these great humanitarians. It would likewise be fitting to "life a collection" to pay off the $3,000 mortgage on the Fdereick Douglass Memorial Home, the race's Mecca at Washington. Thirty thousand dimes would wipe out the debt in a jiffy.

Author and Playwright W. Edgar Easton, estivating among the orange groves near os Angeles, has written a play for Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, called "Christophe," which he thinks will prove the best medium that accomplished dramatic artist has ever had for the display of her talents. The public will be delighted to see Miss Davis in the appealing role of "Valerie" in this stirring emotional story, with Mr. Easton as financier in chief and stage manager.

The promoters of the National Negro Business eague work all the year round. Corresponding Secretary Emmett J. Scott keeps his excellent staff constantly "on the job," and National Organizer Charles H. Moore is carrying a column of business news in the weekly papers that is an inspiration to every Negro in the land. It is the persistent showing of what others can do that makes the faint-hearted fellow grow strong. The next meeting of the National League promises to be the biggest and best yet held.

Benjamin Franklin Jackson, a Negro inventor in Philadelphia, has invented a gas metal melting machine that proved to be the center of attraction at a recent convention of the National Commercial Gas Association in New York. All the rivets on the Queensboro Bridge between New York and Brooklyn were heated in oil forges that Mr. Jackson designed, and so were the rivets for the battleship New Jersey. Each one of Jackson's forges can get out 3,000 rivets a day, and the oil costs but twenty-seven cents. The young inventor is now working on a new gas water heater that will light the gas, turn on the tap and get boiling water without any delay at all. The black boy certainly "is risin'."

The likelihood of a colored cadet being admitted to the sacred precinct of the West Point Military Academy is causing some uneasiness in army circles. Ollie R. Smith, nominated as an alternate by Senator Clark, of Wyoming, has passed a flattering physical examination, making 91 per cent., and is apt to be selected to fill the allotment due the state of Wyoming. Young Smith is said to be a nephew of Capt. Charles Young, himself a graduate of West oPint. There should be no difficulty in placing Smith should he enter and graduate, as in the course of time the four colored regiments now in the army must be officered from top to bottom by Negroes. Let us all keep cool and watch developments.

President Simon, of Haiti, has authorized the return of Nord Alexis, the deposed primate of the Republic, who is said to be in Jamaica in failing health. This act of generosity on the part of President Simon is universally approved by the people of Haiti, who hold M. Alexis in high esteem. It will be remembered that Dr. Henry W. Furniss, of Indiana, was United States Minister to Haiti at the time of the late revolution, but so skillfully did he handle the situation that while enjoying the confidence of the losing Alexis he was in every way acceptable to the winning Simon. As dean of the diplomatic corps in Haiti it became the duty of Minister Furniss to take the lead in balancing the scales of justice evenly, and how successfully he has accomplished that mission is indicated by the order of the existing government permitting the return of Alexis to his native land and the restoration of peace throughout the Haitian domain.

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO.

Special to The Freeman.

One of the most distinct organizations ever perfected among the colored people of Idaho Falls was recently organized, known as the Lincoln Literary and Social Club. The purpose of the organization is to bring closer together and to solidify interests of the various types of our young men and women of the colored race. The club stands for elevation and moral uplift of the colored people of Idaho Falls. The officers and members are as follows: Mr. Jesse Stevens, president; Mr. Walter Jones, secretary; Mr. David Clark, treasurer; Mr. William Bell, corresponding secretary; Mr. Frank Stevens, sergeant-at-arms; executive committee, Mr. Augustine Parker, Miss Birdie Stevens, Joseph Jones. Miss Verria Jones, an accomplished young lady and a high school graduate, rendered a beautiful solo, "Dear Louise." Mrs. Sada Jones also sang a beautiful song, "Free Slave." ....Mr. A. Abbit, of Newton, N. J., and wife have recently arrived here, and are contemplating making this their future home.

DECATUR, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Revival services at St. Peter's A. M. E. Church are progressing nicely. There have been quite a number of converts and several additions to the church.... Rev. J. L. Thomas, of Normal, will assist in the meetings this week....Miss Marie Ellison, of Jacksonville, is visiting friends in Decatur....Mrs. Mamie Moore, trained nurse of this city, was called to cairo to attend patients.... Mrs. J. Cherry and Mrs. T. Miller, of Wykles, were visiting in Decatur Friday....Mrs. Julia Burmell is visiting her son Fred in Lincoln this week.... Mrs. L. Garner, who has been visiting friends in Decatur, returned to her home in Detroit Monday....The Court of Calanthe had an installation and banquet Monday night. A large crowd was present....Mrs. George Nickens will visit Springfield friends Sunday....Miss Zadie Smith will be the guest of the Misses Blanton, on North Union street, next week.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

Special to The Freeman.

Dr. and Mrs. Offley left for their home in Youngstown, Ohio, February 1.... Mrs. J. Mason, of Johnson Park, is sick. ....Mrs. Barnes, of 64 William street, is on the sick list....Mr. Barnes has returned to his home in St. Louis, accompanied by his daughters, Ora and Laura.

MITCHELL, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. Josephine Finley, one of the old citizens, died at her home Wednesday evening after a short illness. She leaves three daughters and one son, Mrs. Susie Roberinson, Miss Alice and Neal Finley and Mr. Elige Finley, of Indianapolis, and three grandchildren. She was 70 years old. Her funeral was conducted at the A. M. E. Church by the Rev. H. J. Thompson, and by Rose, of Sharon Chapter, of which she was a member. Quite a few people attended the funeral from Bedford and Orleins....The second quarter of the A. M. E. Church was brought to a close on the 23rd, with good reports, both spiritually and financially. The church is now clear of all debt, and the Rev. Long, the P. E., delivered a fine sermon to a well filled house....The Baptist Sunday-school has elected new officers. Mr. Wm. Gady was elected superintendent and the school is now wide awake....The A. M. E. Sunday-school seems to be growing in interest....Mr. J. W. Hugher, the tinner, was at Lipsey most of the week roofing barns....Mrs. Sallie Hines, of Bloomington, was called home to the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Finley....Mr. Arra Terrell is on the sick list....Rev. Wason was entertained at dinner by Mr. Henry Cooper and family.. ..Rev. Wason preached for Rev. H. J. Thompson Friday night. His sermon was a soul-stirring one.

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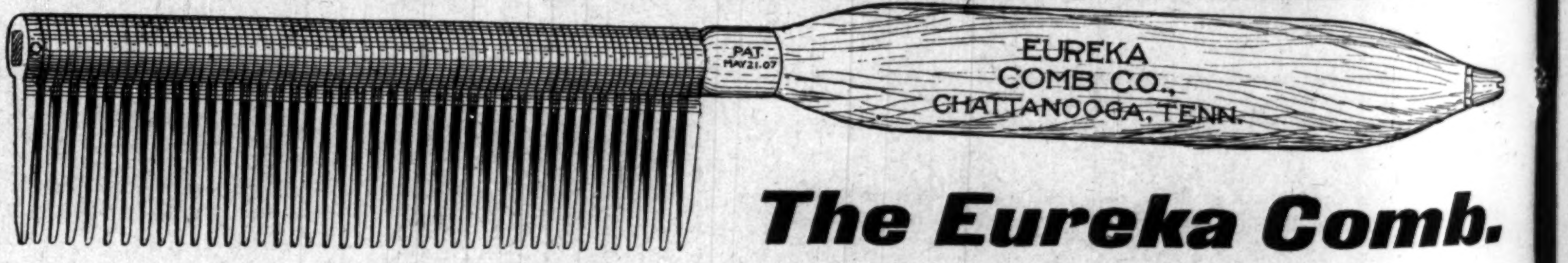

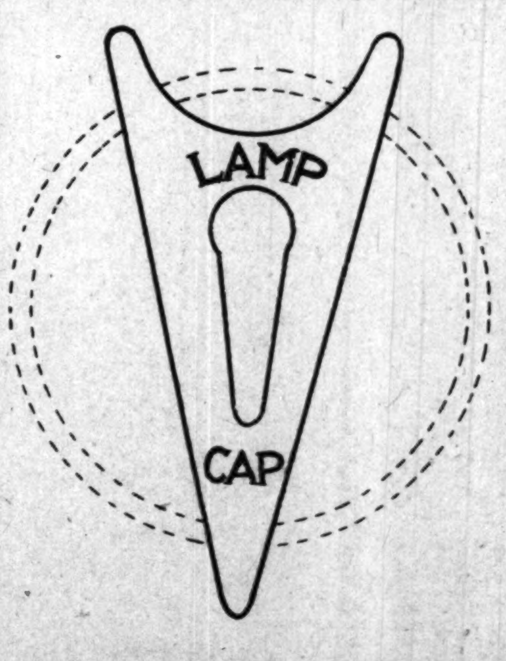

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The plan adopted by Secretary Knox, and approved by President Taft, for the rehabilitation of Liberia is regarded by the people of this country as the wisest step that could have been taken under existing conditions. Negotations are in progress looking to the taking over of the entire indebtedness of the Liberian Republic by Wall street capitalists, and further moneys may be provided for the development of the rich natural resources of that delightful garden spot of the dark continent. It is known that there is a countless fortune bound up in the lumber, cotton, coffee, rubber and other industries, and the gold, copper and iron mines contain wealth that would stagger a count of Monte Cristo. It is understood that the American authorities, acting under the clause in the treaties permitting the United States to exercise its good offices in behalf of Liberia when called upon, have arranged to have the financiers furnish the necessary funds for the payment of the national debt and guarantee the safety of the loan, as was done in the case of Santo Domingo. The recommendations of the Liberian commission, of which Mr. Emmett J. Scott was the colored member, are to be followed very closely. Some of the very practical suggestions of this commission are that this country detail a number of army officers for the training of a frontier police, and a good start has been made in this direction by the sending of Lieut. B. O. Davis to Montovia as military attache to report on the desirability ot such a policy; second, there should be an agricultural expert on the ground to assist in the development of the farming industries on a scientific basis. As the United States assumes large financial obligations in this connection, it will be the privilege of this country to place in charge a collector of customs. With the plan here outlined practically agreed upon, speculation is rife as to who will be named to fill the important posts thus created. Without doubt, all of the officers to assist in building up a constabulary, the agricultural expert and the collector of customs, with their necessary helpers, will be members of the Negro race. Who will be the lucky ones? The collectorship will naturally come in for the largest measure of discussion, and as there must be a number of well-paying deputyships, clerkships, and aids of varying degrees of authority, the anxious ones all over the land are perking up and taking notice of this Liberian "melon" that is likely to be cut at an early date. The particulars will be reported to the Senate as soon as they can be worked out, and we shall know just where "we are at."

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Dr. A. M. Curtis, the newly elected president of the Mu-So-Lit Club, has selected his executive committee, or cabinet, Mr. Arthur S. Gray, chairman; Judge Robert H. Terrell, J. E. Walker, Dr. H. W. Freeman and Mr. Willis B. Mitchell. Preparations are being made to fittingly observe "Douglass Day," and Hon. W. T. Vernon, register of the treasury, has been invited to deliver the principal address on that occasion.

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Mr. Clarence Cameron White, who has been absent for nearly two years in England, taking a special course in violin study, is to return to Washington early in the spring. He has studied with marked success and proficiency under M. Zacharewitsch, the great Russian violinist. His first appearance here will be May 9, at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, when a grand "welcome concert" is planned in his honor. On this occasion, Mr. White will be assisted by Mr. Harry T. Burleigh, of New York, and other artists of national renown.

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Mr. Charles M. Thomas, teacher ot science, hygiene and gardening in Normal School No. 2, is working to influence the training of teachers to isolate and treat their school problems. His scholarly broachure on "Special Problems in the Training of African-American Children" has received favorable comment from many leading educators to whom it has been submitted. His second excerpt on "Teaching From the Standpoint of Pupil Need," is in press. Mr. Thomas is distinctly a product of our local institutions, and his hard and well directed study of the educational problems of the day are bearing fruit of the most practical character.

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Mrs. Mary Church Terrell is well pleased over the report which has reached this city of the big meeting of the friends of women suffrage in the Oliver Baptist Church, New York, at which time Mrs. O. H. P .Belmont crossed the color line and welcomed the co-operation of colored women in the movement for universal suffrage. She was especially happy over the participation in the proceedings of Mrs. Henry Villard, the daughter of William Lloyd Garrison and Mrs. Ella Hawley Crossett, the gracious and liberal-minded president of the New York State Woman's Suffrage Association. Mrs. Terrall, who is conceded to be the race's premier platform speaker, is to be the orator of the Lincoln-Douglass celebration on the 14th at Bethel A. M. E. Church in New York.

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Mr. Charles Banks, cashier of the Bank of Mound Bayou, was in consultation with Mr. E. Dana Durand, director of the thirteenth census, while here last week, and the Mississippi situation, in its relation to the Negro, was gone over pretty carefully. Mr. Banks has been designated by the government to assist the Mississippi supervisors in selecting and organizing the colored enumerators who are to take the census of the colored people in the "black belt" of the State. There will be four hundred and eighty-seven appointments to be made, and the voice of Mr. Banks will be potent in making up the list. Great care will be exercised to the end that only the best and most competent will be chosen for this important work. Upon their fidelity and efficiency will depend the showing that the race is to make in the most significant census year that this country has ever known. Mr. Banks was one of the two Negroes selected by President McKinley as supervisor of the census of 1900, and his record was second to none upon the roster.

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A rare but most gratifying form of reward for the faithful performance of duty was adopted recently by Mrs. E. C. Hutchinson, a wealthy white lady of 1619 Massachusetts avenue northwest. She has retired, with pay for life, her former coachman and confidential man, Mr. Joseph H. Downes, after thirty-six years of efficient and entirely satisfactory service. Mr. Wownes' record was absolutely without a blemish, and he richly deserves the ease and comfort that now comes to him and his amiable helpmeet in the afternoon of their long and useful career. They are resting quietly at Sitka Farm, in Maryland, full of years and honors.

The hospitable home in O street is closed, and the daughters, Mrs. Florence Downes Garner, Miss Blanche Downes and Mrs. Sitka Downes Thomas, are in their beautiful home at 1341 T street northwest. Mr. and Mrs. Downes divide their time between the T street residence of their daughters and their country seat at Sitla Farm. Mr. Downes has a war record in which he takes a pardonable pride. He saw vigorous action in the civil conflict as a member of Company K, Twenty-ninth Regiment, United States Colored Troops, and draws a pension for disabilities incurred in the historic campaign of General Ben Butler against New Orleans. For several years he was connected with the staff of General Butler, when the latter had his headquarters in the big stone mansion near the Capitol, now the home of the Marine Hospital Service. Mr. Downes is a highly respected citizen, and is a member of several fraternities, including the Royal Arch Masons and the Banneker Relief Association. He has been prominently identified with many movements looking to the betterment of racial conditions in the District of Columbia.

ADDYSTON, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

There is much talk of a colored men's Business League for the special benefit to promote the interest of colored enterprises. It is to be hoped that a meeting will soon be called and definite action taken in the matter....At the recent organization of the Dunbar Literary Society of the Second Baptist Church the following officers were elected. N. C. Hawkins, president; James Robinson, vice-president; Worley Kilgore, secretary; Harvey Flint, assistant secretary; William Williams, treasurer. Meetings will be held each Monday....Miss Margaret Buchanan, of Hopkinsville, celebrated her sixteenth birthday Monday evening at the residence of Miss Edna Marshall. A delicious lunch was served. Those present were Mr. Harrison Hines, Miss Ollie Mitchell, Miss Lydia Griggs, Mrs. James Best, Miss Gertrude Buchanan, Mr. Clyde Harold, Virgil Evans and Joseph Bufford. Many useful presents were received....Magazines of all kinds for sale by N. C. Hawkins, the Freeman agent....Monday night, Literary meeting, N. C. Hawkins, president; Tuesday night, Ladies Home and Foreign Missions, Mrs. Charles Banks, president; Wednesday night, teachers' meeting, Mack Lucas, president; Thursday night, prayer meeting; Friday night, choir practice, Mrs. Lula Jackson, instructor; Sabbath school 9:30, Mack Lucas, superintendent; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Rev. S. D. Saunders, D. D., pastor; B. Y. P. U. every Sunday evening at 6:30, Oscar Lucas, president. ....Murphy Lucas, who has been quite ill, has begun to mend, and the doctors now have hopes of a speedy recovery.... Mr. Orlando Murphy is improving....R. Neal is at work again....Mr. John Grubbes has returned to work, after several days of illness....Marthina, daughter of Mrs. Edith Thomas, has been quite sick, but is better at the present writing.... Rev. John Vaughn was a visitor in the village Saturday....The children's choir at the First Baptist Church is making rapid progress. The chorus consists of about twenty voices and is under the direction of the pastor and Mrs. Lula Jackson. The music rendered by them is worth coming out to Sabbath school and hearing.

DECATUR, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

This is a beautiful town, situated near the center of the State, and it is called the Garden Spot of Illinois. Population, 32,000; 1,400 colored. Mr. Lincoln, who lived here, it will be remembered, was nominated for the Presidency of the United States. The colored people pay taxes on $100,000 worth of property. Two colored churches, an A. M. E. and a Baptist Church. The public schools are mixed; no colored teachers. The first G. A. R. Post was organized in this town. We have a colored man on the board of supervisors, one on the police force. The city scavenger is a colored man. Two mail carriers, one real estate man, two carpenters, four painters, one plumber, one electrician, four paperhangers, one plasterer. We have several janitors holding good positions; several prosperous farmers on the edge of the city. We also have four lodge, one Masonic, one Odd Fellows, one K. of P., one True Reformers. There is no colored settlement as such, the colored citizens being scattered throughout the city. No loafers, no hangers-on around the corners. Willie Nickins is a bright little boy, and rejoices that he is the agent for The Freeman. He should be encouraged by the citizens.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. R. L. Langford and sons, Frederick and Charles E., have returned home after an extensive visit through northeastern Missouri, Illinois and Iowa.... Miss Mabel Fields, of Omaha, Neb., who has been in Joetown for several months, has returned to the Nebraska metropolis. ....Lane Wharton is the Joetown agent for The Freeman. He would like to pass you one each Saturday....Mrs. Nannie Wharton, 2019 Sylvania street, who was badly burned several weeks ago, is greatly improved at this writing....It is very sad indeed to know that death has claimed Miss Beulah Cohron, one of St. Joseph's best and beloved young girls. Miss Cohron was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Cohron, pastor of the Francis Baptist Church.

MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

Prof. Veasy's wife is very sick and has been for some time....Mrs. Sallie Curtis's daughter is now in Norfolk, Va.... A grand supper was given at the U. B. F. Hall last Saturday night....Sandy Anderson has the paper on hand all the time.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

The Church and Good Citizenship.

Edited by Henry J. Callis, D. D.

In this, "our own United States," where the principals of the Bible are the foundations of government; good citizenship means more than one who is willing to serve his country's call. There is a good deal more in living for one's country than dying for one's country.

The man who walks about our streets and talks about his willingness to die for his country, and if there was to be war tomorrow he is ready to go, is seldom, if ever, a good citizen. There is a vast difference between a good father and a good soldier. The man that is always ready to give his life for his home is a good citizen. A man may be ready to go to war, but he may not be willing to work hard enough to keep his wife from spending every day of the week in doing some one else's work while her home goes unkept.

That kind of a man cannot be a good citizen. The first thing that entitles a man to be called a good citizen is the fact that he is a good husband, a good father, and puts forth an honest endeavor to support those who are dependent upon him. Such a man will be interested in the highest and best development of the community in which he lives. The town, county, state and nation can depend on him to answer to the call of duty at any moment, and, on the field of battle, he will not be a hireling, but a good citizen and a true soldier. This kind of men are developed in the church, they come out from the nursery where prayers open and close the eyes of the baby boy; the spirit of the Christ of God has been instilled in his heart and life. His eyes have been opened to see that the best of his life is not bound up in service for himself, but in serving others. He is a good citizen because he is a good man and loves his God.

No man is capable of serving honestly his fellows who does not know Jesus Christ, who is the gift of God, the savior of the world and the prince of mankind. The church then has a mission in the work of developing good citizens. How can this work be done by the church and the church best served its purpose in the world? Many good men feel that a religious organization has no place in the political world. If the church has a mission in developing good citizens, it must, some how, and in some way, enter the realm of political activity in order that the citizens developed by its influence may have a practical knowledge of his duty to the body politic. It seems to me that the ministers of the gospel should give to the men of their congregation the light on their rights, privileges and responsibility as citizens in such a way that they will know what to do. The church is not an institution to prepare men for death and dying; its mission is to teach men to live, and to live now. Perhaps there never was a time in our history when we were more at sea as to our citizenship in this country than now. Everywhere men who must be informed by some one are asking, where are we, and which way must we go? I believe that the church should give this information through its ministers and best prepared laymen, not for political prestage, but for the life and prosperity of the community. Our men have been following political parties with a sworn allegiance for over forty years, and to day it is a rare thing to hear of a man of our race being elected to any position whatsoever. No man, or body of men, can be represented in the government of which they form a part unless the person assaying to represent them is chosen by their ballots. Men who are appointed to office do not represent the people, they represent the appointing power, and must be subservient. The one thing that we should do is to teach the men of our race that, where ever there is the slightest opportunity, pressure must be brought to bear to elect, by our suffrage, some honorable citizen—identified with us in race—who is capable to represent his constituency with credit to himself and with profit to those who have chosen him. That people are without representation in the law-making bodies of the government of which it forms a part is reduced to political servitude, and can never rise to the standard of good citizenship until they are represented at court.

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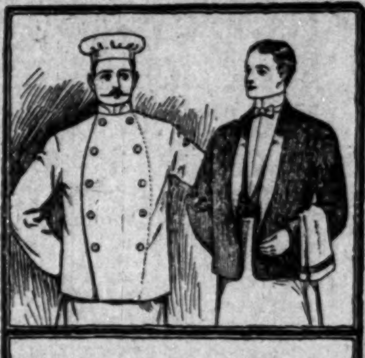

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No man is secure who feels a sense of security. "Take heed lest when ye think ye stand, ye fall."

The octopus of high tariff will prove a millstone to the Republican party if it is not soon reduced, subtracted or annihilated.

The tenth annual session of the National Business League will occur next August in the City of New York. Booker T. Washington is president.

Mayor Shank and Police Judge Collins are creating much comment because of their peculiar way and manner of procedure, it being entirely new to this community. We live to learn.

Our next choice for President of the United States is Ex-Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks, and we think he will win the nomination, although we are not a prophet, but a close reader of the "signs of the times."

Hon. George W. Hays, of Ohio, and Hon. John F. Cook, Jr., former postmaster in one of our Western towns, have both recently lost their jobs in the Federal service. No other Negroes need apply. That's all.

Rev. Welborn Victor Jenkins' advertisement in another column of this issue is worth reading, and the ambitious youth should embrace the opportunity to win an easy $100 prize. Read it.

The fifth annual session of the National Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet with the Liberty Baptist Church and Sunday School and other churches at Atlanta, Ga., May 25-30. A large attendance is anticipated.

When sending in lengthy articles that you think are of public concern and interest, and which you desire published "in an early issue," you should not forget a remittance along with the article would greatly aid in its "early appearance." It costs money to run a newspaper. "A hint to the wise is sufficient."

Opportunity changes her password every day—the world is spinning four times as fast as it used to. A few misguided astronomers try to dispute the fact, but they're living "among the stars." The man who hasn't progressed is like the householder who expects the key of his old flat to fit his new home—"he can't get in, that's all."

Our people ought to feel it their indispensable duty to patronize all of the retail dealers for and by the Negro in this city, and when they go in these stores what they don't see they should ask for, as it often occurs that the very article wanted is not exposed to view. Each and every time you go into the stores be sure to ask for what you want, even if it is not in sight.

Dr. Jordan is desirous that every Baptist Church in this city and State hold memorial services Sunday, February 27, sacred to the memory of the late distinguished missionary the Rev. Dr. Harrison N. Bouey, who died at his post recently, and a collection for missions be lifted and sent to aid him in the prosecution of the work left unfinished by Dr. Bouey. Brethren, please take notice.

The Methodist Episcopal Church Mission Board closed its African Diamond Jubilee campaign at Carnegie Hall, New York City, December 13, 1909, having raised the handsome sum of $300,000. Bishops Hartzel and I. B. Scott, who are in charge of the African work of this branch of Methodism, are now prepared to go forward in the successful prosecution of the same without let nor hindrance. We felicitate the Bishops.

Is the twentieth century Negro youth's brain inferior to the twentieth century white youth's brain? Let the superintendent of the public schools of Hoboken, N. J., answer. He presented Estelle E. Gibbs, a Negro girl, with a gold medal at the graduating exercises the other day, who won it over 10,000 white competitors, attaining 99 1-3 per cent. Well, that's the limit. Give the Negro in every thing equal chance, and we will see that he gives a good account of himself. Let him have the chance.

Chaplain T. G. Stewart, until recently of the U. S. Army, but now of Wilberforce University, desires us to emphasize the fact that Bishop J. Albert Johnson, of Capetown, South Africa, is wanting to "possess the land," and to spread the victorious gospel throughout that region, and in order to facilitate this laudable object he needs just $10,000. Saint and sinner are asked to contribute to "Gideon's Band," of which the eminent Chaplain is Chief. It costs but 65 cents a year to become a member of that army. We bespeak success for Gideon's army.

Abraham Lincoln's birthday anniversary was generally observed throughout the country last Saturday, followed by encores in some of the churches on the Lord's day in shape of special programs, essays and sermons. The proposition to fuse it with a Frederick Douglass day didn't work, and why should it be so linked? Frederick Douglass' fame and name is not to be overshadowed in that way. His is large enough to fill a space all of its own, for he was truly a great man. Why not have a Frederick Douglass day all over the United States? "Lest we forget!"

We gladly introduce young Eddy Spyes, of Tampa, Fla., who thinks he is inspired to be a poet, and, perhaps, some day to fill Paul Lawrence Dunbar's place. Here is a sample of his first effort (he is unschooled):

THE ROSE.

In the sunny land of flowers,
Where I live and stay,
There lives a lovely lady,
Happy as the live-long day.

Her teeth is white as the purest pearls,
Which the divers search for in the underworld;
Her form with Venus-De-Milo do compare,
Which the artist raves for, year by year.

Her eyes is of the deep brown hue
That shows her love is noble and true;
Her hair is black as the raven's wing,
Of which the poets oftimes sing.

To look into her deep brown eyes,
And see her smile, is worth the prize
The Romans fought for long ago—
The laurel wreath over vanquished fee.
—EDDY SPYIES.

THE EXPOSITION.

We are desirous to see the completion of the plans for the celebration of the fifty years from emancipation by the race, which, it is proposed, shall take the form of a national exposition. We rejoice in successful steps already taken looking to that end, and which, we think, ought to be an impetus to the race in general, and to the leaders of the movement in particular, inspiring them to "press forward" and to leave no stone unturned that will in any way help in bringing about the desired results. We are anxious that nothing shall occur to retard the progress of the plans in making for the affair. We appeal to the patriotism of every member of the race everywhere, and ask them to aid us in bringing into requisition every known agency in the race to push forward this grand and glorious undertaking in behalf of the race.

We sincerely desire the exposition, for we know that to have it will mean a great deal for the betterment of our condition in this country, and we mean to do all in our power to help to get it. We would warn our people that, notwithstanding the fact that President Taft has endorsed the idea, has recommended the same for the favorable consideration of the Congress; and, further, that there has been introduced in the Senate and the House of Representatives a joint resolution providing for the appointment of a commission to "decide as to the advisability of holding a national Negro exposition;" and notwithstanding that and the other fact, that the southern press (white) has given favorable comment on the holding of such an exposition, still there remains a work for the race to do if the vision is to be a realization. It must be shown to Congress that we, ourselves, are interested in the celebration before we can confidentially expect to get it, and we must not take too much for granted.

Every benevolent society or rank, every church society and auxiliary, irrespectnve of denomination, and every man of character and standing in every community should interest themselves and pass resolutions favoring the movement. Send resolutions and letters to the representatives and members of the Senate asking their favorable consideration of the bill—this is a work that all must do.

The press is a mighty and indispensable factor in the accomplishing of this work, and we have a large number of influential newspapers throughout the country. Let these give their untiring support, and we all know that with these agencies at work we can feel sure of favorable consideration by Congress, and with Dr. Booker T. Washington as its head, and with him such men as R. R. Wright, C. T. Walker, R. H. Boyd, Dr. Underwood, George L. Knox and Harry C. Smith as commissioners, the exposition will be a grand and glorious success. The Freeman fervently prays that it will be a speedy and assured realization.

AFRICA.

The continent of Africa is attracting wide-spread discussion throughout the country. The going to that continent recently of ex-President Roosevelt, and, later, of prominent churchmen, such as Bishops Johnson, Heard, Scott and Walters, has enlivened the interest and added new impetus to the discussions. We think, too, that the recent return to this country of Minister Lyons, and his addresses upon the needs of the Republic of Liberia, has also stimulated new interest in the continent.

Not many years ago Africa was regarded a land of mystery, inhabited by wild and barbarous tribes, and untrodden by the foot of civilization. Since the influx of the various explorers and missionaries, and we might ad "mercenaries" as well, the thing has changed, and it is now looked upon as being a land "that fairer than day," and full of promise. We get a different view of the continent. Since the death of the tyrant Leopold matters and things have taken a turn for the better, and things are looking better for Africa and the Africans. We are informed that the Republic of Liberia suffers many drawbacks, chief of which is lack of sufficient means to run the government and further develop along the lines of education and industrial pursuits. An appeal for help in a strickly business sense is made to the United States government, and, up to this writing, we are told is being carefully and favorably considered. To increase the civilized and Christian forces of the continent, including South Africa, the various branches of our religious denominations and connections have sent, and are sending, more missionaries to educate and Christianize the heathens, who number way up in the millions as yet. Like unto the government of the Republic of Liberia, money is needed for the successful prosecution of the work.

The Freeman has always been interested in Africa's redemption. We want to see the entire continent regenerated, and the Republic of Liberia to flourish and prosper like a "green bay tree," and think that any financial help the Negro race in America can give to our brethren in the "home land" ought to be given at once—"freely and cheerfully given." We think that if the recent report of the finding of gold in Liberia is true, that the fact properly put before the United States government officials might hasten the appropriation now being negotiated, for money will bring gold and gold will bring money.

Minister Lyon's appeal for men and money has struck a sympathetic chord in the hearts of our people and awakened wide-spread interest throughout the country. We notice in a Seattle newspaper that a prominent Negro citizen named I. F. Norris has thought out what we regard as a most novel, unique and helpful plan, which, if adopted by the States by September 22 next, a snug sum of money could be raised for Africa's regeneration. We have the pleasure, therefore, in introducing the idea in Mr. Norris's own language:

"Liberia has called for money and men. Let every Afro-American answer this call and set aside Thursday, September 22, 1910, as a contribution day, and help raise a fund to be turned over to the authorities of Liberia for the education and Christianizing of our brother Liberians, and thus help develop that country. An effort on the part of the colored people of this country to help our brothers in Liberia would win for us greter respect at home and consideration abroad. Of course, such a project would necessarily call for some plan of action, and the following suggestion might be adopted:

Let each State appoint a committee of seven (all of whom shall be freeholders) whose duty it shall be to arrange for and have full charge of the fund collected in each State. They, in turn, shall turn over all money collected to a national committee, composed of one representative from each State. It would be the duty of the national committee to deposit said funds with some bank or trust company until such time as it could be delivered to the authorities of Liberia. I. F. NORRIS."

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. James Fagan, Mr. T. T. Gaufrey, Miss Mamie Smith, Frank Conway, Mr. Chas. Terry, Mrs. Henry Smith, Charles Weatherspoon are on the sick list.....Mrs. Depontee left Sunday for her home in Chicago, after a six weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. Etta Lacey....Archie Thomas and John Moore were in Sharon and New Castle Monday giving out invitations for Buckeye Lodge No. 73, of Elks, for the annual banquet to be given in Excelsior Parlors Tuesday evening, March 8. The lodge received a number of applications at its regular meeting Thursday an dis preparing for a class of 25 to be initiated into the order Tuesday evening, March 1. The lodge gave a valentine social and dance Monday evening....U. R. of K. P., Co. D, will give a public installation at the Elks' Rest, Febuary 22, 1910. All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served....The Oak Hill Avenue A. M. E. church, the Tabernacle Baptist church, the Chrysanthemum Club and Alpha Club gave a valentine social Monday, and the affair was well attended, proving a success....Billy Ward, a comedian who is filling an engagement in Warren in a vaudeville act, is stopping at the Hotel Ridout in this city. During his engagement in Warren he will appear in his vaudeville act next week....Miss Marie Shelton of Pittsburg is the guest of Mrs. Earl Williams....Mrs. Edward Smiley of Homer avenue received a cablegram Saturday from Commander Rees of the United States man of war Virginia, now in Port Honolulu, stating that her brother, Arthur Monroe, died February 12, 1910. He was 28 years old. He leaves a father, two sisters and five brothers.... Quarterly meeting was held at the A. M. E. church Sunday. Rev. Charles Bundy, presiding elder, preached in the morning and afternoon, and special music was rendered. ....Miss Frances Moore of 212 River St. was tendered a surprise party in honor of her fifteenth birthday Thursday evening, and a number of her friends were present. The evening was an enjoyable one....Mrs. Robert Mackey is suffering with rheumatism. ....Rev. J. Gardner Ross was called to Cleveland Thursday to attend the funeral of the daughter of the pastor of Antioch church....Mrs. A. H. Berry was in New Castle, Pa., Monday and Tuesday....The ladies' dancing party in Elks' Rest Tuesday evening was well attended and a success. ....The McKinley Lodge of K. of P. of Warren will give a social and dance Thursday evening, February 24, in their hall. All are invited....Mrs. Burel Stewart of Gardner St. is abel t obe out after a week's illness....Miss Janet Ward of New Castle, Pa., was in the city Monday....Mrs. Anna Bacon returned to her home in Erie, Pa., Saturday....Mrs. Lizzie Guynn left for McKeesport Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. Montgomery.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to The Freeman:

On February 9 Mrs. Hattie Green of 242 Eagle St. dropped dead while enroute from the butcher shop. Mr. and Mrs. Green have only been in the city a month, coming here from Duluth. The body will be shipped to Lawrence, Kan., where they formerly resided....Miss Ida Herbert, who visited Mr. and Mrs. A. French two summers ago, died at Trenton, N. J., on January 23. Miss Herbert gained quite a few friends and acquaintances while here....There were exercises in honor of Abraham Lincoln at the West End Branch Y. W. C. A. Col. J. Ham Davidson, who commanded a colored Kentucky regiment, paid a glowing tribute to the great martyr. Miss Ruth Vassar recited Lincoln's Getysburg speech and a trio composed of Messrs. Lannie Jackson, Allen French, Jr., and John H. Hickman, Jr., rendered several selections....The L. U. B. A. Society will meet every Friday night at the West End Branch Y. W. C. A. Miss Willa Moore, president, and Miss Ruth Vassar secretary....On last Sunday night the Men's Sunday Club of St. James A. M. E. church had charge of the program. Mr. A. C. Kelso of Texas was the speaker of the evening. Rev. H. S. Graves paid a tribute to Richard Allen, and the choir sang jubilee songs. The church was crowded and showed that the Negroes of St. Paul were ever ready to show their respect for the memory of such great men as Richard Allen and Abraham Lincoln. Mr. A. J. Roberts acted as master of ceremonies....Rev. Jonathan Brewer of Duluth, Minn., conducted revival meetings at St. James A. M. E. church during the past week....On February 22 the young ladies of Pilgrim Baptist church will celebrate the birthday of Washington by a dinner party. No admission will be charged at the door, but 25c will be charged for dinner....The State Federation of Afro-American Women's Clubs convened at St. James church on February 8. They celebrated their fifth anniversary. This session was the most harmonious of all sessions, and many splendid papers were read. The clubs reported that they are alive to the work of uplifting our women in Minnesota. Mrs. Iona Gibbs and Mrs. Nellie Francis were elected delegates to the national convention, with Mrs. Jennie Watso nas alternate....Mrs. Susie Parker is preparing to stage a drama, which she intends to give in the near future for the benefit of Crispus Atucks Home....Mrs. Hattie Clark of Robert Street slipped last week and broke one of her arms....The Social and Literary Club of Pilgrim Baptist church met last Monday night at the home of Mrs. Underwood on Sherburne avenue. This is the largest club of its kind in St. Paul, and is doing a great work under the leadership of Mrs. Lulu Chapman....Please remember "Henry, the news agent" and get a copy of The Freeman each week. Phone D 1052. He wants to reach the 100-per-week mark.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Major Harston, A. Perry and C. Johnson, all of Winnipeg, were in the city last week. ....Joseph Slate, chef at the Pendennis, had the misfortune of burning his right foot severely, caused by spilling a bucket of hot water on it. He is better now and able to be about....A clipping from the Rugby Optimist reads as follows: "Noah Dallard left for Western Canada Tuesday, where he goes to construct buildings and a residence upon his land out there. Noah is one of the best workers and farmers that we have around here, and, together with his brothers and sisters, have successfully managed a half section farm since the death of their parents a few years ago." Mr. Dallard will be in our city within a few weeks from Rugby, N. Dak....Rev. Smith, of the Church of God, has just returned from a trip of several weeks in the Red Deer District, where he has been in the interests of his church, and expects to set out within a week or so for another trip north and west of here... That Alberta is attracting wide attention from all over the globe is evinced in the fact that a colony of California investors and settlers representing two million dollars, which they intend to invest in Alberta lands, fifty-two raisin growers from the Fresno valley, will leave Fresno, Cal., some time next month for the Canadian West. Arrangement are now practically completed which will result in the members of the party leaving California by special train, which will consist of some thirty cars, which will be comprised of Pullmans, dining car and observation cars, for the convenience and transportation of the members of the party, while the remainder of the train will consist of freight cars, which will be used in transporting their household goods. Twenty years ago the land which they have recently disposed of at prices ranging from $650 to $800 per acre they purchased at $25 per acre.... Leave all news matter, advertisements, subscriptions, changes of address, or any complaint of not receiving THE FREEMAN, etc., with Clifford C. Mitchell, the Edmonton Correspondent. Call at 240 Jasper Avenue East, 'phone 1637, or address P. O. Box 845. Correspondence re this country solicited.

GALVESTON, TEX.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. Mitchell Lewis, a young man of 22 years, was buried on Sunday from Ave. L Baptist church, Rev. H. M. Williams officiating. He leaves a wife, child, father, mother, three sisters and a brother. The church was crowded to the doors by the friends of the family, to pay their last respect to the deceased.....Anothony Ross, an old respected member of Trinity Baptist church, was buried today from that church. He was a member of Van Buren Lodge No. 3, U. B. F., under whose auspices the funeral services were held.....Mr. Charles Harris is very sick and had to be taken to the hospital for an operation.....Mr. Aaron Coleman, who has starred in the Colored Texas League as an infielder for several past seasons, has signed to play second base with Kidd Mitchell's Keystones of Minneapolis, Minn. Coleman is a Galveston boy.....Mr. Geo. Rhone, musician, late of Whitney's Musical Company, is now here in the Seawall city. He is leader of the orchestra at the Ruby Theatre.....Moore and Moore are still making good at the Ruby, also Boyd and Boyd.....Mr. Andrew McPherson is the agent for The Freeman in our city. On sale every Sunday at the Society Pool Room, 25th and P. O. streets, or 1216 26th Street.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

Mr. John Gains and Mr. J. Evans attended the Lincoln banquet given at the Auditorium last Friday evening....The Cottage Prayer Meeting was held at the home of Mr. Alex Valentine last Friday evening. ....Mr. Alex Valentine is on the sick list. ....The Pastor's Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. George Marshall at 60 Gognac street....The Messrs. Henry Johnson and John Haynes will make their first appearance in vaudeville at the Bijou Theatre on Friday, February 25, 1910....Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson and Mr. Little, his manager, and Mr. Hart stopped at the home of Mr. Will Cook while in our city....Mr. Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight champion of the world, gave an exhibition in our city at the Post Theatre on last Tuesday evening to a very large and appreciative audience....Mrs. George Grant of 128 E. Fountain street spent Friday with Mrs. W. L. Brown....The Pastor Aid of the A. M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. Ella Lewis last week....Mr. A. D. Green entertained at tea Friday evening Mr. V. Singleton of the Sanitarium....Little Goler Williams, infant son of Rev. I. F. Williams, is on the sick list....A converted Jew, Rev. Mose L. Sosnin, preached at the A. M. E. church last Sunday evening....Don't forget the revival meetings which are being held at the Second Baptist church. You are invited to come.

TYLER, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Prof. W. M. Robert, a popular teacher of this county, was seen in the city last Saturday on school business....Rev. R. L. Lyons preached a soul stirring sermon at Pleasant Grove Baptist church last Sunday....Miss Hattie Biggs, an academic student of East Texas Academy, is at her home four miles east of the city very sick.

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JIM CROWISM DISCUSSED

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comely youth of seventeen, came forward Prof. Lawson had announced, "Playing the Game." Young Brannon knew that this was his time to shine. He had heard that the boys did not speak like they did some years ago. The time had come for him to uphold the reputation of the school. Dressed in style and keyed up to the point with a determination to "make good," he began:

"Life is a great game—a game in which every man must play his part, either as a contestant or as a spectator. Nothing on earth appeals to mankind so much as engaging in a game. Millions of dollars, both in time and actual money, are spent every year by spectators in the enjoyment of games. Days, years, and oftimes lives, are spent in training for games by contestants. The question arises—Does it pay? Is it worth while?"

Then the speaker graphically discribed a great baseball game in this city of last July 4. "The best team won," he said, "so it is in life. Whether in political, religious or social affairs, we must all play our part—sometimes as contestants, sometimes as spectators."

He then took up the political life, and showed in his argument that nations are strangling the life out of each other, and that the horrors of war is causing the deaths of thousands, but all this does not exceed that of commercialism in civil life was the further trend of his argument. The all-absorbing topic of the trusts was considered by the speaker, and he showed that he had given the question a thorough consideration, as his thought, memory and gestures evinced this.

He then took up the idea that young men and women are going wild over dress and fashion and good time, then, in a sweeping manner, said: "We are turning up our noses at those who happen not to be teachers, preachers, or some other profession, as we see fit to call it, when the fact is we are but tottening fungi, which rise as a stench in the nostrils of those whom we call our inferiors, but who, by their superior manhood and womanhood, by their higher ideas of right and wrong, are beings whose shoe strings we are not worthy to unlatch."

He characterized the great "umpire" of the game as the "Brotherhood of Man," and said that he calls for men in the truest sense of the word. His speech was received with tremendous applause, and he was forced to rise in acknowledgement of continuous applause. All the graduates received handsome and valuable presents. The following were awarded diplomas: Lucius Brown, Lillian Rice, Josephine Lawrence, Jeanteeta McAfee, J. A. Wilson, Hattie C. Faulkner, Griffiths Brannon, Mary Edwards, Maud Vaugn, W. H. Brown and Bessie Jones.

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The "big Negroes" and the little fellows are having a time in this "neck of the woods."

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The people of Louisville are hoping that Dudley has a good show. Its a good town if he has.

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We have a mind of our own, and matter is subject to Mr. Knox only—he's managing editor.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brandfron, of West Madison street, entertained at dinner last week in honor of Mr. C. J. Wearing, of Chicago, Ill.

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Miss Nannie H. Burroughs and Miss Jaunita Adams left last week for Washington, D. C., where they will attend the National Training School for Girls.

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Some of our leaders, in an effort to do good for the race, are making the serious mistake of talking too much. A wise man is known for what he does, not says, if that saying is to injure his whole race.

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Dr. Leonard Lewis, of Chicago, Ill., was in the city last week from a recent trip to Lexington and Frankfort, Ky. While in the city he was entertained at dinner by Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore and Mr. Dave Barnett.

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Miss Lillian Hayden, formerly of this city, but now of Evansville, Ind., passed through the city last week as a newly wed. She had been recently married to Mr. Hobbs Childress, a popular young man of Nashville.

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Dr. R. E. Jones, editor of the Southeastern Christian Advocate, was in the city last week, enroute to his home at New Orleans, La. He paid a visit to his sister, Mrs. Georgia Emmerson, wife of Dr. J. E. Emmerson.

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"It is hard to state a simple truth, if it hurts anybody, without subjecting one's self to the accusation of either malignity or hysteria from those who are, or who conceive themselves, injured by it."

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Mr. Vertna Tandy, of Lexington, Ky., who has received architectural education in the East, was in the city with his father last week on business. It is understood that Mr. Tandy is making a howling success in this work.

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Prof. Cotter seeks an industrial program for all the colored school children of this city, and yet he sends his boy to the high school and his daughter to Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. This is, indeed, very consistant. How a mighty poet can err.

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Mr. William H. Goodall, one of the most brilliant and intelligent young men of this city, was in Lexington a few weeks ago to stand the bar examination. To the surprise of the white lawyers, Mr. Goodall made a clean 100 per cent. He will practice in this city, with offices on Center street, between Green and Jefferson streets.

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The Rev. Leroy Ferguson, pastor of the Episcopal Church Of Our Merciful Savior, left on Monday for New York to solicit funds for the new parish house that is now being erected in the rear of the church on the Eleventh street side. He will visit Boston, Washington and New York. He left with recommendations from Bishop Charles E. Woodcock.

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Where on earth will it end? Our leaders, in an effort to popularize themselves with the "powers that be," are pleading for "jim crow" education, "jim crow" street cars in this section, which has heretofore been peaceful, and where the whites and blacks have dweled together in in as friendly a relation as anywhere in this country. Brother, oh brother, don't talk too much!

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The Cane Club will give their annual banquet Friday night, February 18, at Odd Fellows Hall. This club is made up of a number of young men of the best respect, which take pride in entertaining their lady friends. On this occasion they will have the hall beautifully decorated and it will be a full-dress affair. The representative of THE FREEMAN is greatful to them for a complimentary invitation.

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Mr. J. B. Cooper, one of Louisville's leading undertakers, has gone south on a vacation. Mr. Cooper has been working steadily for three years, as an undertaker, and leaves to take a rest at Mobile, Ala. He is manager of the Watson Undertaking Establishment. During his trip he will be met by undertakers in Nashville, Birmingham and Mobile. Mr. Allen Watson will have charge of the establishment during Mr. Cooper's absence.

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Young Brannon was a "dark horse" at the high school commencement exercises. Three other boys were said to have him "bested." At the close of the exercises all you could hear was Brannon, Brannon, Brannon. It was particularily noticable that the exercises were better than they have been for some years. It was well that a subject and subject matter was taken that touched the people. This one redeemable feature in oratory, or speaking, having the power to touch the people, and this is just what young Brannon did.

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Dr. J. A. Emmerson, the dentist at 719 West Walnut street, has proven to the citizens of Louisville that he is a first-class man of the profession. Dr. Emmerson has been here a little over two years and now he is looked upon as one of the best dentists of the city. The citizens are rallying to him to a man, and when any dental work is to be done the word is passed around, "Go to Dr. Emmerson." THE FREEMAN correspondent takes pleasure in commending Dr. Emmerson to those wishing first-class dental service.

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The many friends of Miss Mildred Bryant are glad that she was given such a tremenduous applause after the rendition of the musical numbers at the commencement exercises. This was the first time that Miss Bryant had came before the public in this city, and she proved that she knew her business. If the people were as liberal in praise of the efforts of Miss Bryant as of others who have had a similar task, more opportunities would be open for supervisors. As long as they "deliver the goods," don't "hammer!" The music that was given Miss Bryant by Miss Bearguard may not have been as classical as on other occasions, but, at, that, the song was sung well.

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Now that the leaders admit, according to the papers and headlines, that Negroes give cause to be segregated, it seems that—say a number of people—that it will be hard now for us not to have the law. If Negro leaders admit it, then "why not have it" will be the contention of those who have the voting power.

The admittion of the Negro's shortcomings in the white papers continuously is the cause of so much harm that is being done in this section. If publicity and a desire for individual influence do us this kind of harm let us be done with it for a while. Like Aesop's fables, in the "Stoning of the Frogs," etc., fun to the boys, but death to the frogs.

Bishop Charles E. Woodcock delivered a very stirring sermon last Sunday morning at the Episcopal Church of Our Merciful Savior, Eleventh and Walnut streets. His text was "Neither Condemn Thee."

Before the sermon Bishop Woodcock said there was a great work to be done in the city of Louisville, and that he was anxious to see a mission in the eastern part of the city, and that it should grow out of the church Of Our Merciful Savior.

"I feel a great deal of pride in this church becoming self-supporting," said the bishop, "and with the assistance of the brotherhood and the communicants another mission in the east end could be sustained, and I long to see the day come."

In his sermon he spoke of temptations that come to men and women, and he pointed out its various forms and said that temptations were a strong man's opportunity to do right and a weak man's opportunity to do wrong. His sermon was very interesting and inspiring. He said that God always gave a chance for a man to redeem himself, and so it should be with the children in school. He urged the teachers to be patient with the dull child and show him his possibilities. At this time the bishop's splendid argument was very helpful, for, at the conclusion of his sermon, he confirmed twelve people.

The Rev. Leroy Ferguson, pastor of the church, left the following morning for the East in interest of the new parish house. He carried with him letters from Bishop Woodcock. He will visit Boston, Washington and New York.

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A very delightful and delicious dinner was given last Sunday afternoon in honor of Mr. C. J. Wearing, of Chicago, Ill., by Miss Prima Fitzbutler at her beautiful home on West Green and Eleventh streets. The table was beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers, and the dinner was served in courses. Those present were as follows: Mr. C. J. Wearing, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Houser, Mrs. Charles Elnadford, Miss Georgia A. Lattimore, Dr. Leroy Ferguson, Mrs. Sarah Fitzbutler, Miss Prima Fitzbutler, Cary B. Lewis and Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore.

The Rev. L. G. Jordon, who has been the secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board for fourteen years, was the host at a dinner on last Monday evening. Those present were Dr. John H. Frank, Dr. C. H. Parrish, the Rev. C. T. Stamps, Jackson, Miss., and Cary B. Lewis. The Rev. Jordan is known all over the world for his work in missions, and is called "the little Baptist steam engine." Speaking at the dinner, the Rev. Jordan said: "Fourteen years ago we had not a foot of real estate holdings; today the aggregate worth of property in South Africa alone is nearly $25,000. Adding this to the property interest in South America, West Indies and Central Africa will give us property well-nigh $40,000."

When the Rev. Jordan took charge of the work there was a membership of liless than thirty at Capetown, and today there are ten thousand members at the different stations in Africa and more than thirty missionaries have been sent to foreign fields, and twenty African students have attended American schools. The Rev. Jordan is now planning his Easter rally.

FAIRBANKS IN ROME.

Whut dis dat I see ov late,
'Bout Fairbanks in Rome?
De Pope's dun tu'nd his holy back
An' tole dat boy, "go home."
But Chawlie is done show'd one pint,
Den took de Meff-dis road,
And taint no use ov tawkin fokes,
His lidgin he dun showed.

I kant see whut do make de Pope
Act in dat sell-fish way.
Why all de erf is telligent now
In dis inlightened day—
Why it doan madder whedder he
Will 'ceive a man or not.
Ef he's gwine ter be a Prottersin
Be sho his ways is sot.

I hawdly think de Pope wuz rite,
Altho I'm not a Pope,
An ef I wuz dat little a one
I'd try to grow, I hope,
Cauze it doan pay a church or State
To slight a man like dat—
Doan make no diffunce ef he aint
Got beads upon hiz hat.

Dat boy dun cum down off de fence.
Ef he wuz ever dar,
An show'd de hole roun' wurld de fack
Jes how he stans an whar.
I fears hiz mamy teacht 'im wrong,
When quite a boy at home,
Cauze he aint got no bettar sence
Dan own hiz faif in Rome.

I likes dat bout dat Merrican chile,
He's like dem Hebrew boys—
It madders not for King ur Pope,
He keeps hiz lidgist joys.
An' no one knows but him dat's pas,
Frum darkness unto light,
Jes whut de struggle railly is—
De might agin de right.
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Additional Stage News on Page Six.

Jesse Palmer sends regards to Eugene and Joe Clarke.

The Marshall's are at Polio's Theater, Meriden, Conn., this week.

Broadie and Broadie, who have been in Europe for some time, will return to America in May.

The team of Tom Scott and Margie Crosby have dissolved partnership. Miss Crosby is at home with her mother.

Irving Jones and Burt Grant are the first colored performers to play the Colonial. They are one o fthe hits of an interesting bill.

Miss Jennie Shepard, who has been abroad for a number of years, and Mr. Gus Hastings were recently married in London, England.

Artha L. Prince sends regards to Mr. Juli Jones, "a gentleman from Mississippi." Juli, did my "Straight Dope from the Wild and Woolly West" go to your heart? Cheer up, old boy.

William H. Robinson, moving picture operator and electrician at Louisville, Ky., is making good. Mr. Robinson is the only colored man in his line of business in Louisville.

F. Frank Brown, the Hoosier tenor, touring this season with the Cole and Johnson Company, has been called to the city on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Hi Jerry Barnes played at the Maceo Theater, Charleston, S. C., a four weeks' engagement. Mr. Barnes is one of the leading comedians traveling through the South.

The Capital City Quartette—John Penn., first tenor; Luke Freeman, second tenor; B. Foster, bariton, and John Walker, bass—are singing at three of the leading hotels at San Antonio, Tex.

S. H. Dudley, Mrs. Alberta Ormes Dudley, Will Ramsey, Irving Allen, Herbert Everett Amos, Jennie Hillman, Sarah Venable, Ora Dunlop, James Lillard and Miss Kelley, of the Smart Set Company, were among the callers at this office last week.

Mrs. Milam, the mother of Sydney Kirkpatrick, the Hoosier baritone, en route with the Richard and Pringle's Minstrels, was stricken with paralysis last Friday afternoon while attending a performance of the Smart Set Company, and is in a serious condition.

This week at the Ruby Theater, Galveston, Tex., two new teams appear: Howard and Howard, Elbert White and Miss Julia Williams. Chintz Moore and wife Ellen are still there. Chintz Moore is stage manager; Mr. Charles Huff, owner and general manager.

The marvelous Lashe writes: I am on my fifth week on the Northwestern circuit, and will close March 5 and open on the big hit circuit at Crookston, Minn. My act has been a big hit, and I can get plenty of work—not the big time, but get big money. Regards to all friends.

Bradford and Bradford, the singing, dancing and talking pair of chocolate drops, were highly entertained at Atlanta, Ga., with a reception given by L. H. Reid, Baby Brown and Julia Knox. The team will now be known as Bradford and Veneter, having opened at Cincinnati February 14. Regards to all friends.

The Clark Brothers and Miss Annie Hicks have signed with the J. C. O'Brien's Famous Colored Georgia Minstrels for the season, beginning March 25 at Horton, Kan. Mr. Price will take charge of the orchestra, C. W. Holloway will direct the band, and Mr. Eugene Clark will manage the stage. The company will number sixty people.

The National Amusement Company, a corporation of Baltimore capitalists (white), has taken out a permit for the erection of a $75,000 building on T street, near Seventh, to be used as a first-class theater for colored patrons. It is to have a seating capacity of 1,600, with a stage large as any in the city, and dressing rooms suitable for any of the traveling companies. The theater is located in the heart of the section where the best colored people live, and it will doubtless fill a long-felt want, as colored companies of the Bert Williams, S. H. Dudley and Cole and Johnson type have been unable to secure reputable houses in Washington. Our people have been compelled to journey to Baltimore to see their favorite actors. The building is to have a frontage of 85 feet on T street by a depth of 120 feet. It will be constructed of Pompeiian brick, with Indiana limestone trimmings and a granite base. With a skeleton of steel and all floors, balcony and steps of reinforced concrete, the building will be as near fireproof as it is posible to make such a structure. The doors will be thrown open to the public on September 1.

The Hiawatha Theater is easily the favorite playhouse conducted by our people in the nation's capital. It is ideally located, is commodious, bright and cheerful, and within its walls one meets just the people he wants to see. The management consist of S. A. Keyes, president; F. Morris Murray, secretary, and Lewis W. Easley, treasurer. They are all affable gentlemen, and take pains to make it pleasant for their host of patrons. They are exceedingly liberal in their dealings. Within the past two months they have thrown open their doors to the children of the various courts, in response to the suggestion of prominent ladies who are maintaining social settlements for the benefit of these unfortunates. So far, four entertainments of this character have been given by the Hiawatha's managers. In helping the ladies and offering a superb treat for the little ones of the "submerged tenth," Messrs. Keyes, Murray and Easley are setting an inspiring example which might well be followed by other theatrical managers of the city. So successful has this house been that there is talk to the effect that the company will lease the Maceo, another pretty theater across the street, in order to accommodate their overflow patronage. The Maceo is closed for the present, on account of the ill health of its owner, Mr. James F. Child. The move looks like a good one. That sterling comedian, Mr. T. Spencer Finley, is now in his fifth month of unabated success, and is a fixture for the season.

BELMONT STREET THEATER, PENSACOLA, FLA.

The Jennings, Elsie and Henry, have just finished a four months' engagement at the Pekin Theater at Memphis, Tenn., and went just as big the last night as they did the night they opened. They are now at this theater, playing to big houses and making good as usual. Mrs. Gertrude Rainie, our coon shouter, never fails to leave the house in an uproar. The Watts Brothers, Joe and Louie, are making good with their tumbling. Billy Zeak, our little comedian, leaves the house screaming every night. Miss Sidney Coalman joined us Thursday and is going big doing the "Cubanola Glide." We are presenting "The Cuban Queen" the last half of the week, Billie Zeek and Henry Jennings doing the comedy to perfection, Mrs. Jennings the queen, Mrs. Rainie, Miss Mildred Kernion and Miss Coalman as flower girls, the Watts Brothers as guards. Miss Mildred Kernion is a sweet little singer, and never fails to make good. The ghost walks on time every Saturday at 12 o'clock, and he is never crippled, but sound and well, and meets you with a smile. Regards to the Gem bunch, the Royal bunch and the Pekin bunch. Prof. Bass and R. Reigo, traps, never fail to put vim into the songs and dances. Therefore we are all happy. Henry Jennings, stage manager; M. Jacoby, general manager.

MACEO THEATER, CHARLESTON, S. C.

We have a strong show here, and at our Columbia house also. Hi Jerry Barnes is making them laugh with his funny songs. Glenn and Fisher are getting their full share of encores. Jones and Nugent, the famous buck and wing dancers, are right there with the goods, and last, but not least, our own Gussie Butler. Billy Kersands has promised us his last two weeks in vaudeville before he goes out with the famous Kersands Minstrels. He will be with us the 7th to the 19th of March.

TAFT THEATER.

A crowded house greeted Manager James Clarke's new change of program. The opening sketch, presented by Mr. Davenport and Miss Robinson, was well received. Miss Robinson's song, "Oh, Goodness, He Can Love," was well received. Mr. Mitchell's songs, "By the Light of the Silvery Moon" and "In Dear Old Tennessee," went well. The closing farce comedy by Robert Clarke and Ellmore Taylor was a screamer. Robert Clarke, as Isaac Murphy, was at his best. Ellmore Taylor, as a tout, was good. Mr. Davenport, as exercising boy, was good. Miss Fannie Shields, as Good Looking Mary, made a hit. Miss Robinson as Miss Plenty Money made a typical race track patron. The whole show was good and the whole bunch sends regards to all friends.

THE PROFESSION AT PHILADELPHIA.

The Auditorum still continues to attract larger and larger audiences of pleasure seekers, who go away expressing their surprise and delight at the character of the entertainments which are being given at this beautifully appointed house.

The bill for hte week of February 7 included Wesley Norris and Edith Gibson, in a very laughable comedy sketch; Fred Jarrell, the popular comedian and imitator; Lillie Hunter, the singing and dancing doll; Edna Barrett, a popular soprano; Arthur Foster, in illustrated songs, and the motion pictures that have set the audiences talking.

The week of the 14th were seen the great DeRose, female impersonator and operatic star; Miss Carrie Thompson, late of the Tennessee Jubilee Singers, and Arthur Dunn, the happy tramp.

H. Sam Reading, the business manager, spent the early part of last week in New York, where it is rumored an arrangement was perfected which will put the Auditorium on a circuit which will assure their bookings six or eight weeks' work.

AMUSE U THEATER, MEMPHIS, TENN.

Section 1 and part of 2 of the Pekin Stock Company have returned to Chicago, but the stickers have stuck, and are reaping the harvest. The New Savoy Theater is all that could be said of any first-class theater, with John C. Boone managing the business end and taking in the nickels; Charles Gilpin staging and producing what the people like; Francis J. Moses, chorus director; Clifford Ross, character man and assistant stage director. The business could be nothing else but good, like the show. Our lineup is as follows: Stage—Charles Gilpin, Francis J. Moses, Clifford Ross, James Ransom, Long Willie Too Sweet, Theodore West, Mrs. Ransom, Mrs. Whitelow, Estelle Harris, Lulu Too Sweet and Miss Hawkins. Orchestra—Will Blake, cornet; Buddy McGill, piano; Alex. Dukes, drums; Jim Scott, trombine; Williams, first violin. John C. Boone, business manager; F. A. Barrasso, general manager; Charles Lewis, electrician; Fred Mint, advertising agent.

PALACE THEATER, HOUSTON, TEX.

Our stage manager, Mr. R. S. Patterson, is more than pleased with his new performers, Miss Frankie Edwards, Miss Lillie Brown and Mrs. M. Jackson. They take the house by storm when they appear before the footlights in each performance. Miss C. Diggs joined us on February 11 and is making good. Our star and leading comedian, Mr. Thomas J. Hicks, is setting a pace for all young comedians. He is singing some of his own compositions, "I Ain't Going to Take Nobody's Word," "I'm Going Back South, Where the Weither is Warm, This Climate Don't Suit My Clothes," and others. Prof. Jackson is doing all that is in his power to hold up his end of the show. Mr. Will Harper and Mr. George Coleman will join us soon. Thomas J. Hicks says Billy Starks, H. O. Clark, A. Mose, Ed Frye, Ed Peet, Al Boyd and other friends write; address care FREEMAN. The company sends best regards to friends in and out of the profession. R. S. Patterson, stage manager.

THREE COLORED ATTRACTIONS

To Go Out Next Season Under Management of Barton & Wiswell.

Barton & Wiswell, Inc., the present managers of the Smart Set, will put out three colored companies next season. The enterprises will be S. H. Dudley and the Smart Set Company (Eastern) in "His Honor, the Barber;" a number two Smart Set Company will also be put out, featuring Salem Tutt Whitney; and a carefully selected minstrel show, numbering forty artists. All of these attractions will be gotten together by S. H. Dudley. Mr. Dudley will have in his exclusive charge the production of all the colored shows, including the signing of all the performers. Barton & Wiswell have purchased the car used last season by the Dandy Dixie Minstrels from the National Printing and Engraving Company. This car was seized for debt by the printing company at the time Mr. Nolan, the manager of the minstrel show, disappeared with the funds of the company. This car will be used next season by the number two Smart Set Company. In addition to the attractions already mentioned, the Barton & Wiswell management will have out about six white attractions.

DUDLEY PUTS OVER ANOTHER.

"His Honor, the Barber," a Riot in Indianapolis.

By J. D. HOWARD.

S. H. Dudley and the Smart Set Company scored heavily in his latest sparkling song show, "His Honor, the Barger," at the Park Theater the last three days of last week. The thespians left all Indianapolis whistling and singing the jingling airs that represented the fifteen big song numbers of the play. "His Honor, the Barber," makes no pretentions as to plot; in fact, there is little need of any, so fast is the fun and side-splitting situations. The comedy is built and laid out for laughing purposes only, and, judging from the incessant "squallage" at each performance, the playwright and players were well rewarded for their efforts. Mr. Dudley is again seen in one of his delightful delineations of the modern, well-meaning and ambitious, though ignorant, darkey of the South. He carries his audiences with him throughout his joys, disappointments and sorrows, as of old, at no time diverging from the character or overdoing or forcing a situation. His song, "Come After Breakfast, Bring Along Your Lunch, and Leave Before Supper Time," broke up the show each time he sang it. Our old friends, Andrew Tribble and Irving ("Boots") Allen, are well cast, and the breadth and scope of their separate abilities is given ample opportunity for individual demonstration. As a wench Tribble, as I have said before, is the premier of all colored performers. Allen has a distinct conception of the present-day old man Negro character that puts him in a class by himself. His work shows careful study and application. He gives to his characters a dignity, a fidelity to nature, and above all a freedom from exaggeration. Tribble and Allen are said to be preparing a sketch called "Troubles of Their Own," with which they mean to invade the vaudeville field. This venture is looked forward to with much interest by the entire profession, as the well-known ability of each assures their friends that the act will be another bugle call to arms in the ranks of "Mose Lewis," the "straight" of the show, is well done by Mr. William Ramsey. This character was formerly in the hands of Mr. James Burris, who retired from the cast shortly before the holidays. Miss Jennie Pearl, as "Lilly White," is still dainty and gracious. Aline Sasseles presents a most striking picture in her song, "Merry Widow Brown." For "business" and personal magnetism this young woman is undoubtedly an artist, and will be heard from in the future. Lawrence Chenault was well received as "Captain Dandelion." Alberta Ormes was pleasing as the "Sporting Editor." The donkey was much in evidence and got "his." The chorus was well balanced, and for individual strength stacked up favorably with any that has been heard here this season. It was well and consistently dressed and could sing. Indianapolies theater-goers had their first opportunity of seeing Mrs. Ora Dunlop in harness as a chorus girl. Her petite form and agility of action, together with a fair voice, indicate that she will make her way as a show girl of class and quality. Mr. Ras Jones, another acquisition to the ranks of the Smart Set from Indianapolis, is also with the show in the capacity of a chorus man. The songs, "Merry Widow Brown," "Captain Dandelion," "Pickaninny Crying in the Moon," and in fact all of the song hits, were written by J. T. Byrum and James Burris.

RICHARD AND PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS.

And still they lead. The original Georgia Minstrels are keeping their reputation. The entire company had an occasion to leave the car leaving Norfolk. While waiting for the car to arrive at Pinners Point, Va., we were caught in a severe snowstorm. The car was due to arrive in twenty minutes after we did. It arrived five hours later. Lucky for some of the boys, they found shelter in different places until the arrival of the car.

All the boys are well and send regards to all. Write, friends, and think, knockers.

ON THE CAR "GEORGIA."

"As long as there is a bread of crumbs"—one of Tom "Slug" White's sayings.

"Pic" Jones says Georgia Minstrels make a mule laugh.

Daddy J. A. Watts is recovering from a severe cold.

General Kirkpatrick has them guessing nightly about his "general" makeup. Oh, you whiskers!

Billy King says he was 'leven years old 'fore he knew a chicken possessed anything 'cept a neck.

Clarence Powell has moved from the outskirts of the town. He now resides on the "other side of town."

Kid Langford has lately named the car Hotel di Pleasanti. The menu is very well arranged—thanks to the manager's wife, Mrs. E. C. Filkins.

Ed Straughter says George Ross please write as per route.

An exceptional thing exists with this show. With but very few exceptions "Dis hyear" and "dat dar," etc., are seldom used. Those who are in that very bad habit are beginning to awaken. All of us should remember that the listener always learns.

SMART SET NEWS.

Miss Aline Cassels resigns from "His Honor, the Barber" Company and goes to New York for a rest. Her position is taken by Miss Ella Anderson.

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Miss Ella Anderson, the new prima donna of the Smart Set Company, joined us at Springfield, Ill., on the 13th. In Miss Anderson we have a very accepetable person, she has an extremely attractive appearance, being rather tall and very graceful. She deports herself with ease and does not overdo. The predominating feature of her attractiveness is the fluency with which she handles the English vocabulary and the beautiful voice with which she controls it.

In making comparisons between the Misses Caselles and Anderson, let us consider it quite unwise, for each of these young ladies are clever actresses—in fact, too clever to be compared by persons who would base their opinions on an imperfect knoweldge of stagecraft. It would not be wise to take one luster of merit from one and add to the crown of success of the other, for they both have their own individualities and are clever in their own characteristic way. These qualities are what count with the public and the management. If there are any comments to be passed let us accept them from the press.

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The people of "His Honor, the Barber" company have been unusually successful in saving their earnings this season. They have been very wise in investing their earnings; some are buying real estate, others are making investments in dogs and the remainder are purchasing diamonds.

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Aside from the fact that Andrew Tribble is the cleverest female impersonator in the profession, he is a very artistic manipulator of ice cream and other frozen eatibles.

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When we played Lawrence, Kan., George W. Walker, accompanied by his mother and private secretary, visited the performance of "His Honor, the Barber" Company. The party occupied a box and enjoyed the show immensely. Physically Mr. Walker is the picture of health.

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James Harris, stage manager of the Smart Set Company, is doing nicely and sends his regards to Billy Young.

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Matt Johnson is trying his luck speculating in precious stones.

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Ora Dunlap, the popular Indianapolis favorite, has improved wonderfully since her engagement with the Smart Set Company.

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"Ras" Jones wishes to inform the ladies and gentlemen of the Smart Set Company taht on the 28th of February he will celebrate his birthday anniversary.

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c Owing to a slight vocal indisposition Miss Aline Cassells, prima donna of "His Honor, the Barber" company, has resigned her position vountarily. After a rest she contemplates entering vaudeville.

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While showing in St. Louis Miss Sarah Venable and Madeline Cooper won a coveted prize in a terpsichorean contest.

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While the company was booked for Lawrence, Kan., Mr. and Mrs. Dudley were entertained by Mr. George W. Walker and his mother at their handsome residence in Kansas.

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Mr. Wm. Ramsey is filling the part of Mose Lewis very acceptably. Ramsey succeeded James Burris as Dudley's straight man.

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Ras Jones, one of the Pekin favorites, joined "His Honor, the Barber" company at the expiration of his contract with the Pekin Graduates. This act, under Joe Jordan, played the Keith and Proctor time for twenty-five weeks.

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Oro Dunlap says she would give anything if she could only get some nice ham and greens properly cooked.

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Tim Brymn, our verstile musical director, is composing three or four new musical numbers for the coming season.

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Matt Johnson, the basso-profundo, has been secured by the Keystone Quartette to engage in a series of dates abroad. He will sail with them about the middle of August.

Herbert Evertt Ames.

C. V. B. A. AND NEW YORK CITY NOTES.

HARRY A. BROWN.

The Watermelon Trust this week are at the Boudin Square Theater, Boston, and are the special added attraction. Sherman Coates and Jim Grundy are the latest members of the C. V. B. A. The Trust is signed up solid for a year.

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Jones & Sutton are a big hit on the big time. Pittsburg, Pa., next week then jump to the Pacific coast for a season's run.

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Joe Britton has recovered from his recent illness and will resume work at once. The Brittons sail for Europe in June.

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Vaughner, Patterson & Haliday trio are playing the Gane circuit. Next week Majestic Theater, New York.

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The Burries are on the Mozart circuit.

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All members of the C. V. B. A. can get ball programs by sending 12 cents in stamps.

The Georgia Campers are at the American Music Hall, Newark, N. J., next week, on the Morris circuit.

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The Dunmores were at the Majestic last week, their first appearance in New York, and made good.

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The C. V. B. A. is growing stronger, new members are coming in daily from all parts of the world.

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Hill & Hill are playing New York, special club work, for the United Booking office.

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Clermont & Miner are playing the United time at the Novelty, Brooklyn, this week.

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Brown & Brown, cartoonists, are at the Fulton Theater next week on the Big Morris circuit.

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Frank B. Williams, author of "Consolation," has written another hot one, a very warm march song.

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Wm. C. Elkins is pro tem secretary of the C. V. B. A.

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Murphy & Francis are still on the Morris time. Also the Brittons. Rowland is playing for the United.

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Jefferies and Jefferies have joined with Westly Norris. They play Phila next week.

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Cookie Hall, late of William & Walker, and "His Honor, the Barber," is in town. He has accepted vaudeville engagements in the east.

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The Bruces are back in New York after playing fourteen weeks down east. Next week Binghamton, N. Y., and nine weeks to follow.

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The members of the C. V. B. A. are always pleased when Scott Joplin visits their club rooms and plays his beautiful "Euphonic Sounds."

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George Hamilton, from Chicago, is making good in the east. Next week at the Fourteenth Street Theater.

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Fiddler and Shelton are spending some time in New York City. They will begin again their Orpheum tour April 24, opening at Denver, Colo.

"HERE AND THERE IN THE SMART SET COMPANY."

By DOROTHY.

Do you know that Tim Brymm is a fortune-teller?

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Who is the handsomest man in the chorus of the "Merry Widow Brown"? Who has the best looking feet?

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Herbert Everett Amos was particularly looked for in the Hoosier capital. He has been a general contributor to THE FREEMAN for some time, as well as other publications, and also a cartoonist of merit, and we were so anxious to see him and sorry to see him go. Mr. Amos is a good worker and of material assistance to Mr. Dudley and the reading public.

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Jennie Pearl Larkins still sings and makes ardent love to Captain Dandelion and Raspberry Snow as well, and this keeps her in practice for the real stunt, when "Jolly" John Larkins comes marching home.

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Miss Brown, "the brownie" with the beautiful voice, is a prime favorite in the company, and is a dead enemy to despondency.

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Ask Lawrence Chenautl for some pleasing reminiscences of the feet of some leading ladies.

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Life with the Smart Set must be worth living for Irene Tasker, for she looks the personification of health. An ardent and constant "steady" placed a little white dog of Indianapolis pedigree in her charge while here. Has the novelty worn off yet, Miss Tasker?

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Jennie Hillman continues with the company, for what would the Smart Set be without her? She has charge of the wardrobe, and that accounts for the perfection of the costumes.

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Sarah Venable, who was seen with the Sunny South Company in vaudeville at the Grand early in the season, is making her usual success in this chorus.

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Aline Cassels, the "Merry Widow Brown," was new to us here. She was an instantaneous hit, both personally and professionally. It was not generally known that her voice was affected on account of a bad throat, for we were satisfied just to have her "look." Miss Cassels said goodbye to "His Honor, the Barber" Saturday night, and left for her home in New York for repairs.

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On a whole, the women of the company were well groomed. The street attire of every one was quite good looking.

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Bessie Asbury Tribble, who has attracted audiences all over the States for her beauty of face and form, is claimed by Indiana, although she is not a Hoosier by birth. Last season she was a member of the Cole and Johnson aggregation. Mrs. Tribble will spend some time in this city at the close of the present season.

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All women can take lessons from Andrew Tribble in "getting themselves up." Was there ever a more faultless toilet than "Babe Johnson's" in the last act?

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'Ras Jones is an Indianapolis product. He adds strength and appearance to the well-trained and splendid appearing choruses.

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The mule knows that "two's company and three's a crowd."

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Irving (Boots) Allen, the real old man character, is a star in his line, and is a jolly good fellow, always glad to meet old friends. He was much pleased to meet his cousin, Prof. R. Roy Pope, director of the Annex Band of Ringling Brothers' Circus, who is spending the winter in the city.

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The theater-goers of Indianapolis would have been so pleased to have seen Ella Anderson in the "Merry Widow Brown" Saturday night. Miss Anderson made a big hit here several seasons ago in this company singing "Morning, Noon and Night," assisted by a male chorus.

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Alberta Ormes Dudley is the busiest woman in the profession, and one of the dearest in the world. Every moment of her time is completely take up. It is making dresses for the girls, laundering expensive flannels for "Raspberry Snow" (Mr. Duley), buying things and more things for Sherman H., Jr., making such pretty and dainty lingerie, or sewing on a truant button for the songbook agent.

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Miss Kelley is away from home for the first time, and the experience no doubt will work wonders. She likes her work and enjoys the travel.

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"Come back, Raspberry, come back." You can come before breakfast, and if you will only come back, you make break the rules of our office and sign your letters with a lead pencil if you want to.

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Mrs. Jessie Harris, with the baby face, was indisposed a day or so during the engagement.

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It was a home-coming for Ora Dunlop. Friends and acquaintances rushed to her dressing room after each performance to tell her just how well she did. It was a pleasure to see her realizing "in a big way" her well-known ambition. Indianapolis always appreciates her own.

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The female theater-goers are trying to decide a most vital question. Who is the handsomest and the dearest, Theodore Pankey, formerly with the Cole and Johnson show, or Lawrence Chenault, the stunning Captain Dandelion? Oh, you uniforms! you will appeal strongly to the feminine heart!

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Daisy Brymm has dreams of that day when she will settle down, oh, somewhere, anywhere, in a house, a real home of her very own—a home all the time, outside of her trunk and the dressing room.

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We liked the young lady who owns "Music," but she wouldn't make up with us.

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Somebody is going to steal somebody's sweetheart, if somebody isn't a little more careful, for somebody lost one last season. In the same way? Yes.

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George McClain, George Day, James Lillard, James Harris (the very amiable stage manager), and all the men came up to the standard, so the women say.

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Will Ramsey, the fashionable "Mose Harris," is quite popular with hearts. Don't forget the photos!

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The majority of the girls were "good fellows," but there were a few who kept away from us this time; but maybe they will like us better next time, won't you?

SHEFFIELD, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Sallie Crook fell dead Thursday evening, February 10. Heart failure was the cause of her death. She was taken to Columbia, Tenn., for burial....Mr. and Mrs. Louis Porter lost their little four-year-old boy last Saturday....Mrs. Alice Goldman is quite ill at this writing....Mrs. Lena Mitchell, who has been very ill for several weeks, is improving....Mrs. Carrie Winters is very ill at this writing....Mr. John Fields, Sr., is confined to his bed and is very sick....Mrs. William Willson of Oakland, Ala., is visiting her niece, Mrs. Emory Robinson....Mrs. E. H. Fields is visiting the annual meeting of the State Negro Business League, which convenes on February 17 and 18, in Montgomery, Ala....Remember the concert at the First Baptist church on February 21 and 22, given under the management of Mr. E. M. Blair.

SELMA, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Quite a crowd has returned from Pensacola from Mardi Gras. F. H. Weaver is the guest of Mrs. B. F. Hillard, whose husband is the popular head waiter at Nick's cafe. Mrs. H. D. Gibson, an aunt of theids, of Biloxi, Miss., will spend a while in the great port own.

Salem Tutt Whitney, Homer Tutt and Henry Watterson, of the Whitney Musical Comedy Company, were in the city Saturday and attended the matinee performance of "His Honor, the Barber."

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Gilpin, Charles
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Holden, V. P.
Howard, Edward
Jones, Rastus
Leo, E. Dube
Miller, Joe
Russel, Mr. Joe
McQuilty, Mose
Murphy, Bert
Strauder, Al
Wallburg, Mrs. Ray
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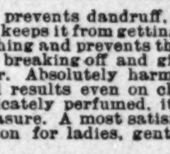

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him as a tool;
Then you should watch him closely and
hear what he has to say,
And you find him not a fool, but you are
really the jay.
So always when you meet a man, no matter what he may do
Try and treat him just the same as you
wish him to treat you,
For at all times you need a friend in this
great world of strife,
And to have a good true friend is a great
deal in this life.

LINES TO THE FREEMAN.

A Few Lines Written for the Race's Greatest Paper.

Mr. Salem Tutt Whitney, the premier comedian, producer, playwright and composer, has written the lines which follow and dedicated them to The Freeman:

Its news may not be so exciting,
But its columns with interest are rife.
Sue Jenkins' cow has consumption,
Bill Simmons has a new wife;
John Smith bought a fine team of horses,
The hens are all laying again;
The Methodist church had a social,
All farmers are praying for rain.
No scandals, thefts or obductions,
No political bickerings are read;
Never a "roast" for the living,
Always praise for the dead.
It's our duty to help one another,
It's hard to work standing alone;
When you've printing to do let this remind
you
Of the newspaper you have at home.

WILL OPEN BIG PARK.

Mr. W. E. Green, of 211 North Stingeon street, Moberly, Mo., writes that as manager he intends to open up a big amusement parked owned by a prominent colored man of that city, where he intends to have some of the biggest and best attractions of the country show. It is his intention to attract the people to his park from all the neighboring towns and cities. Later on The Freeman will print an illustration of this park, as it intends to do for every colored theater and park in the country.

TUTT WHITNEY FAVORS JACK JOHNSON

Big Comedian Wants to Bet a Nice Sum.

BRAZIL, Ind., February 11.—Mr. Tutt Whitney, the clever comedian, who is at the head of the Whitney Musical Comedy Company, in a three days' engagement here, at the opera house, is a rank Jack Johnson man. He believes that the big black will undoubtedly defeat Jim Jeffries in their fight July 4. Mr. Whitney points out the fact that Jeffries, like all other pugilists, can never come back. "As sure as I am here," said Mr. Whitney, "Jack Johnson will defeat Jim Jeffries, and to show you I mean it, I will bet any good man a few hundred that I know just what I am talking about. You never saw a man drop his trade or profession, in your life, for four or five years, and then come back and be just as good as he was at first, did you? Not in a hundred years. Anyway, I might be mistaken, but I've got a few dimes here that might make you think I believe in just what I am saying."

STAGE GIRLS CAN MAINTAIN THEIR MORALITY.

Harry Brown Answers His Own Question.

To the Dramatical Editor Indianapolis Freeman:

Noting your answer in The Freeman of my question, "Can our girls go on the stage and maintain their morality," and as your other writers did not answer, I suppose it is up to me to answer myself.

Had I not known of what I asked, this answer would not be necessary. After sixteen years experience of stage life and show folks I should be in a position to know all its workings in its entirety. Concerning the question I have asked you and your able writers, who thought it a live wire and let it alone, I will say, that no one is born with the object of going on the stage. Some make their appearance very early in life, of course always under the care of their mother, and sometimes the father. Some say that by one's associates so is one known, but not necessary. Sometimes a peach tree is blended with an apple tree, but the fruit has not the same taste. The peach is still a peach. Now who has not known of a bad family, parents and children the same, except one child that is different and stays different. This so different girls may go on the stage as Daniel did in the lion's den, looking up always over the heads of those below her—those that would pull her down. I have another girl in my mind whose parents worked hard to give her all the learning that the young white girls get. At twenty she knew enough to make her way in the world. She started out full of ambition and hope to secure a situation, as she had the same teachers that the white girls had had, but she forgot her color, so all the positions she asked for was filled. Then she was left with only her mother and she must work at something. Some one reminded her of her vocal training and informed her that she might go on the stage, but not knowing anything about the stage or show business she held back. Now there was nothing left but the kitchen, [illegible] of the white class-mate as well as any other, but her mother's friends said when she spoke about going on the stage: "What will the world say?" The mother's reply was: "The world is a very small old place after all, and my daughter shall not go in any body's kitchen." So the girl went on the stage with a mother's love and blessing.

I think I heard the mother say, "You may go, my child, I know you are a good girl and the stage can not harm you, and if I do not see you again in this life we will meet above." One day I think I saw a book lying in a show girl's trunk, among stage dresses, dancing shoes, paints and powder, which was open. I picked it up and found it was the Bible. It was the Book her mother gave her when she left the old home, and to the page in which the book was opened there was a marked paragraph, "He who has not sinned let him cast the first stone."

A show girl (colored) in New York joined the church there and quit the stage. She looked for work elsewhere, but was not successful, so she went to the pastor of the church she had joined and told him of her troubles and he told her to go back to the stage, sing and dance for her bread, and he would pray for her soul. I often wonder, does the public know how many of our profession really are good church members? There I knew it—you thought there was not even one. Well I myself know of at least forty, and aside from the stage they live a righteous life. Oh, yes, there are good and bad in every walk of life, and good in everything, but if one wants to know these things, why just ask, that's all. Yes there is good girls on the stage, there always was and always will be. Their hope for future judgment is just as strong as any one else. The whole world is a stage and we are all just the actors therein.

HARRY A. BROWN.

FROM AN ACTRESS'S VIEWPOINT.

People may need to earn their daily bread, but they must always look, to secure it, as if they were overfed on pie.

The day has long since gone when the poorly dressed, pale little woman can secure a position because she needs it and looks the part of poverty.

Why is it that the manager, the employer in any line of business, demands that his employes shall look neat and up-to-date is not so much af a problem as to know why he demands that his applicants for work shall look it?

One is forced to lie today to look the part of prosperity and evperience, and this gives the beauty specialist a chance to put on the lying mask while the lips speak the untruth that secures the position for many a girl who is facing despair and almost suicide.

The windows of the druggist and beauty makers are daily displaying their youth restorers in the shape of massage cream, rauge, whiteners, wrinkle plasters and dyes, and a long line of struggling women are helping to increase the trade.

Some associate paints and dyes with the women of the street entirely, but it does not follow because she is hectic or Titian that her coloring belongs to one class alone. I recall the worn-out actress who had no money, no pull, no friend on the press, who said:

"No manager wants a pale-faced juvenile. I am only twenty-six, and I do not want to play character yet, so I must rouge a little and brighten my eyes. It was a hard season last year—thirty weeks of one-night stands and some long jumps, I would like so much," she continued, as she rouged a trembling lip, "one good New York engagement. I must get something soon. I am all mother has to maintain her."

That afternoon she fell exhausted at the foot of the stairs of a New York agency, and a man, in passing, said, as he watched the crowd around her: "She'll be all right in a minute—her color's good."

One may deceive the manager, the agent, the mercantile employer—even the lover, for all classes of girls beautify for a lover—but one can not deceive her own kin by a mask of health and happiness. Mothers and fathers always know. A woman stands revealed to her parents, no matter how much she may try to deceive them—as in the case of the wife of an army officer who went to the Phillippines, a bride.

Out in that fever-stricken country she nursed her husband through many an illness, her youth and love keeping her health and beauty secure. Later she learned that her husband had a native wife in Lobos, and his conduct before her arrival had been such that her position was unsafe from jealousy. She bore the shame of it all with bravery, fearing from his continuous evil conduct not only a court-martial, but his life.

Gradually disgust and fear conquered her, and she returned to America on an army transport at only twenty-four. Many noticed the pale face, the curled lips and the sprinkling of the brown hair. Her eyes were dim with watching and weeping and her voice unnatural.

Before the arrival of the midnight train to San Francisco, which was to bring her father to her, she sat before her dressing table and applied, first a tint of brown to her hair, a line to her lids, a bit of cream rouge to her cheeks and lips and donned her prettiest gown. Then, locking the tragic deceivers in a drawer she hurried to the door to greet her father—the first time in three years.

"Daddy, dear," she cried, rushing into his arms, "Tom just would not let me stay out there any longer. He said it was killing me—the heat—the people. He is such a dear Tom! Daddy, dear, am I not looking well?"

Trembling the old man held her at arm's length, then drawing her closer, he said: "The voice, the voice. They haven't made anything yet, my girl, to take the heartache out of the voice."

THE COLORED VAUDEVILLE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

Its Purpose, Its Possibilities and Its Faults.

By Uncle Rad Kees.

The Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association, as I understand it, is an oranization organized for the express purpose of bettering the condition of the colored vaudeville performer, in so far as his work and general deportment demands, and thereby place him on a higher plane of general recognition than he has heretofore enjoyed. Such an organization, if properly conducted, should do wonders in the elevation of the colored vaudevillian from his present inferior position, and assist him and show him the need of work more artistic than mere singing and dancing. Such an organization, if properly conducted, should do one of two very important things: it should either obtain better recognition for the colored vaudevillian through the source of his booking, or else eliminate him from the vaudeville field entirely.

In dealing fairly and squarely with these question, you naturally come in contact with others just as important. For instance, can you afford at this time to strike out in the direction of the purpose for which you have really organized, or must you be content with relying upon your benevolence and thereby die the death of a dog when your members and friends have lost in you both faith and favor? If you are making no effort for the betterment of the colored vaudevillian, you are certainly falling short of your real purpose, and thereby have no legitimate right to solicit membership. The mere fact that you offer benevolence isn't justifiable, and could be construed as one means of securing money under false pretense. No legitimate performer figures on being sick when he joins your organization, but rather feels that his professional future at least is going to be brighter and happier, and that he has something to hope for which will place him on a higher plane in his profession, whereby he can make more money, do less work, and be recognized generally from a standpoint of merit and ability.

How would your little six or eight "per" appeal to a member of this type? Still, I have no doubt but what there are many already in your organization who would be making money at even this rate; but you'll agree with me that in each case he is the "undesirable citizen," and certainly cannot have the best interests of the organization at heart, nor has he a legitimate claim to membership.

How can any organization live and be happy when it insists on admitting members whose weekly income is less than the sick benefits?

The Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association should not forget that it has taken upon itself a grave responsibility and a delicate undertaking, and for these reasons alone can deal the deadliest blow to the Negro's theatrical future. Your purpose must be common and legitimate, and you must not be sectional or prejudicial. Indirectly a certain white organization has sought to eliminate you entirely from the vaudeville field, going so far in its line of attack as to reprimand, fine or even expel a member who uses a song or other composition of a colored author. Why such conditions as these exist it is up to you to find out, and to find out you must go about it in a diplomatic manner, remembering that the Constitution of the United States guarantees to every citizen an equal opportunity of making a levilihood, and any body of people joining themselves together for the express purpose of prohibiting such a guarantee is guilty of a felony and is punishable by law. If you find and can prove conclusively that such an organization prevents you from securing work in your profession, and that its ulterior motive was to this extent, then you have your remedy in the Federal Courts, and can dissolve such an organization. But to do this you must first see to it that your organization is duly organized and incorporated according to the laws of the State in which you operate, and that your books and by-laws are void of any acts contrary to the Constitution. To exact money for membership under the promise of your benevolence isn't appealing to the better class of performers, especially when no bond is required from your treasurer for the safe-keeping or security of such money.

It is imperative that your organization have for its purpose a higher aim than mere sociability, particularly so when with the latter you can neither be independent nor self-supporting. It is certainly time that some colored organization of modern ideas should come forth and show some form of endurance, if only sufficient to withstand the hardships of to-day and to-morrow. It might be the source of some consolation to the colored public generally, whose loyal support is so constantly offered, and thereby stop the blowing of an evil wind that blows nobody good.

The Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association has a great duty to perform indeed before it can expect any credit or even be given due consideration for such an undertaking. It must not only gather about it the most efficient and representative performers in the vaudeville profession, but its inducements must be such as to demand his personal as well as his professional respect, and thereby solicit his hearty co-operation. Personal feeling and animosities should be set aside. You have come out upon a most dangerous field to battle. If you are entirely eliminated therefrom, you have but yourselves to blame.

J. ED GREEN PROBABLY TO HAVE A BENEFIT

Russell Sees Motts as Self-Appointed Mediation Committee—Secret Leaks Out.

CHICAGO.—That the Negro actors are to have another case of charity on their hands is more than likely. The Sylvester Russell has had an interview with Manager Robert T. Motts, of the Pekin Theater, as a mediation committee of one to break the ice and stir up a troubled sea in favor of having a grand testimonial given for the benefit of J. Ed Green, the well-known popular actor and stage producer, who has been seriously ill for several weeks. The interview took place at 11:30 p. m. in the enclosed foyer of the Pekin Theater lobby, Tuesday night, January 18, and lasted until after 1 o'clock. Mr. Motts, who is in sympathy with Green, told of the trials, risks and proportions of benefits, and how he had once been insulted by a committee of women from the Institutional church after he had kept to his agreement and was sustained by the pastor in a benefit given for said church. He said he would rather give $500 than to risk $5,000 on the damage these benefits do to the patronage of his theater. He was very cordial in his attitude toward Mr. Russell, however, and assured him that in the case of Mr. Green, who was formerly in his employ, and whom he said he had also helped to spoil, he would consider the matter further after a conference with other private parties concerned in the movement. Mr. Motts said that he would not have given the "Goats" any consideration whatever, nor have listened to any actors who have revolted against him and the policies of his theater, and told of what he had done for many actors and how shameful they had treated him in return for his kindness.

Several weeks ago J. Ed Green, of the Chester Amusement Company, controlling three moving picture houses, fell ill under the pressure of the failure of all of his enterprises, when, at the suggestion of the woman where he lived on Wabash avenue, he was at once moved by Dr. M. J. Brown, his physician, to the Provident Hospital. The order of William Goats had ceased to ramble, and their funds were exhausted.

The Masons are said to have done their duty to a sick member. The K. of P.'s and the Elks are other orders to which Mr. Green belongs. About three weeks ago Mr. Green was removed from the hospital to a private residence on State street, where he is receiving the greatest of care. The fact in the case is that Mr. Green has no personal funds, and as he has been a very prominent man in the show business, it is now up to the dignity of the profession to show its colors. Dr. Brown has stated that while Mr. Green's mind is all right, his physical condition necessitates that Mr. Green will need a long rest and confinement for quite some time to come.

Mr. Russell and Carey Lewis, who was in town, and who had returned from a banquet to meet Russell at the Pekin, were both much pleased with Mr. Motts as they left the theater wreathed in smiles to partake of a midnight supper. After Mr. Motts has had a private conference, and if his decision is favorable, Mr. Russell will proceed to line up the Masons, the K. of P.'s, the Elks, the C. V. B. A.'s—who, by the way, have invited him to become a member. The buffets along State street and the upstairs clubs will also be asked to co-operate. The successful road companies and vaudeville stars will be given notice what to do through The Freeman, the Age, and the Journal and Guide, and when the time comes the public will be cordially invited to know the rest and to join in the demonstration. If the Pekin Theater is given over for a benefit for Mr. Green, it will be the greatest honor that has ever been bestowed upon Mr. Motts during his career as a manager.

MOB MURDER.

Reproach Hangs Heavy Upon the South, Says World.

Special to The Freeman.

Although the number of lynchings in the United States during the twelve months just ended was 78 as compared with 100 in 1908, the figures are less encouraging than they would seem to be as indicating a more law-abiding spirit. The record proves that in each of the three years preceding 1908 mob murder was less frequent than last year.

But the number of lynchings in 1909 is not less ominous than their sectional and racial character. The reproach hangs heavy upon the South that popular sentiment there, in spite of the efforts of many of its leading citizens, is a feeble check to mob law. All but five of the seventy-eight cases of lynchings were in Southern States. All but thirteen of the seventy-eight victims were Negroes.

The North has not been free from this kind of blood-guiltiness any more than in previous years. Both Illinois and Oregon stand in the rank of the criminal States. But the unalterable fact remains that it was in Southern States, and especially in States farthest from the Northern border, that lynchings were most frequent. To the discredit of Texas are thirteen cases in twelve months; of Georgia, twelve; of Alabama and Florida, eight each, and of Louisiana and Mississippi, eight each. In these six Southern States alone occurred over seventy percent of the lynchings of the year.

So far from the lynching of Negroes by Southern mobs being due to attacks or alleged attacks on women, as is commonly stated by defenders of the South's honor, fully one-half of the Negroes shot, hanged or burned at the stake were charged with other crimes. Race feeling, aside from other pretexts, must be held accountable for most of the lawless acts of these organized mobs.

The whole problem requires to be faced frankly. If the South finds the facts damaging to its reputation, its quarrel is with the facts and only with the facts. It is the maker of its own history, good or bad.—New York World.

THE SOUTHWEST.

By Howard News Bureau.

The Negro Business Men's League of the State of Arkansas met in Little Rock, Thursday, January 6, and discussed the commercial and industrial outlook of the Negro in Arkansas. Delegates from many sections of the State were present. Dr. E. C. Morris and Hon. J. E. Bush were the principal speakers.

Brinkley Academy was destroyed by fire recently. The board of trustees and the faculty are now making strenuous efforts to rebuild. The school will hold its sessions temporarily in Humphrey Lee Building.

Dr. William Taylor, of Chicago, and Miss Fannie P. Collier were quietly married at the home of the bride at Altheimer, Ark.

A movement is on foot to erect at Little Rock, Ark., a Negro hospital. Dr. J. H. Baribin, president of State Medical Association; E. C. Morris, president of National Baptist Convention; President Hill, of Shorter College; Henry Avant, chancellor of K. of P.; H. A. Johnson, Grand Master of Odd Fellows; Hon. Scipio Jones, and many other persons of note are interested in this project, and more than $8,000 has already been subscribed. Dr. J. P. Robinson, of Little Rock, pledges the support of every Negro in that city. The estimated cost of the hospital is $100,000. The board of directors will meet in Little Rock in March.

The $10,000 school now being erected at Reutsville, Okla., the exclusive Negro town, is rapidly nearing completion.

Oklahoma will be a Republican State at the State election, says the wise men.

Morris Sanitarium, at Muskogee, was destroyed by fire.

Col. Andy Mulligan, in the Commercial Appeal, advises Jeffries not to underrate the black champion, Jack Johnson.

A NEW DEPARTURE FOR THE FREEMAN.

The management of The Freeman wishes it known that in the future some space in these columns will be devoted to "Religious Thought," or articles pertaining to religion under the heading mentioned. This department will be edited by the Rev. Henry J. Callis, D. D., one of the most efficient clergymen living. Every reader who is interested is extended the invitation to contribute something in religious thought. Also questions may be asked. Manuscripts from ministers for this department may be sent the Rev. Henry J. Callis in care of this office.

FLINT, MICH.

Special to The Freeman.

The entertainment given Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, on East Ninth street, by the Sewing Circle of the A. M. E. Church, was well attended.

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Special to The Freeman.

Rev. C. Emery Allen and wife, of Detroit, were in the city last week....The second quarterly meeting, January 23, was a success financially and spiritually. Dr. Allen preached soul-stirring sermons both morning and evening....Mr. S. West was taken to Hurley Hospital Wednesday, from his home on East Ninth monia....Mrs. T. W. Beck returned home Tuesday from Marion, Ind., where she attended the funeral of her mother, January 17....Mrs. S. Lawrence and daughter, Florence, spent Thursday in Detroit....Mrs. T. W. Beck is on the sick list.

FLORENCE, ALA.

Special to The Freeman.

The Y. M. C. A. of Burrell Normal School will give a play Friday evening, February 18, entitled "The Mischievous Nigger, Slim Jim and the Hoodoo." Come and enjoy yourselves. It is for the benefit of the athletic association....Mrs. Parthenia Portlock is on the sick list this week. She is getting along better now....Mrs. M. Martin is on the sick list....Rev. M. H. Leath preached an able sermon Sunday before a large audience....There will be a rally at Burrell, February 13, for the benefit of a dormitory.

PERU, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moss entertained in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George Dixon, Monday evening. Those present were Mr. Harry Burnett and son, of English Lake, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kelly, Mesdames Oro Moss, Alice Moss, Pearl Blackwell, Nina Payton, Mary Dismuke, Dora Green, Nellie Johnson and June Dunlop, and Messrs. Lonnie Chirley, Joe Webb, James Jones, Alex. Taylor, Denny Williams and Charles Majting, of Peru. Many beautiful presents were received by the bride....Miss Lillian Raiely, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moss, and Mr. George Dixon, of Richmond, were united in marriage by Rev. Martin Monday evening....Mrs. Homer Butler returned from Marion, Ind., last week, after a pleasant stay with friends....Mrs. Parish is recovering slowly from an attack of typhoid fever....Miss Mary Dismuke and Miss Pearl Blackwell spent a day in Kokomo this week.

WEST BADEN, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

S. Tutt Whitney, heading the Whitney Musical Comedy Company in "The Ruler of the Town," showed to packed houses January 30 and 31. The entire company was entertained at Charlie Rice's Hotel....Miss Birdie Sebree recently went to New Orleans in company with Miss Lillian Sinclair. After leaving New Orleans she will go to Florida for six or eight weeks....Miss Maria Sebree is recovering from a severe fall, which she got at Christmas time. It is expected that she will go to Louisville for treatment soon....Miss Susie Branch is the guest of Mrs. Milligan....Mr. Irvin Slye's place, "The New Empire," is the prettiest in the valley, and the public is much pleased to have such a nice place to go. Mr. Slye is well known as a business man, and the people know where they are going when they go in Slye's place. Mr. Dave Jones will be his manager....The West Baden baseball club promises a first-class team this year, and would like to hear from those that desire to play. Taylor, the famous captain of the Birmingham team, is expected to be in charge this year, with a few of his star players. The team will be under new management this year, Ed Rogers having bought Charley Rice's interest....It is reported that Will Lane, who left the Springs a few weeks ago sick, is getting along very well....There is a championship pool contest at Steve Washington's pool room to-day for the first hundred balls between Ed Rogers and Jesse McClendan....Miss Katie Kizah and Miss Pearl Brown are guests at Rice's Hotel. Miss Kizah is from Louisville and Miss Brown from Chicago...Mrs. Jennie Bell, trained nurse of Louisville, is the guest of Miss Lula Burks.

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Rev. Dr. M. W. Gilbert, New York City.

Prof. P. W. Dawkins, Durham, N. C.

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Prof. W. H. Hannum, Livingston College, Salisbury, N. C.

Prof. P. W. Moore, State Normal School, Elizabeth City, N. C., and others.

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Negroes are to have a Chautauqua at Durham, N. C., next summer. President James E. Shepard is now engaged in booking talent for the occasion. Several persons of eminent qualifications or national reputation have been tentatively secured. As soon as contracts are signed they will be announced.

The main fact now is that the colored public may have a national center to which they may go in the summer to study, to hear great lectures, to listen to great music, and to enjoy a sensible vacation.

This is an opportunity which, if Durham were not a good sized city, might tax the greatest provisions to take care of the people.

WHAT OTHERS THINK OF US.

Crowley, La., June 8, 1909.

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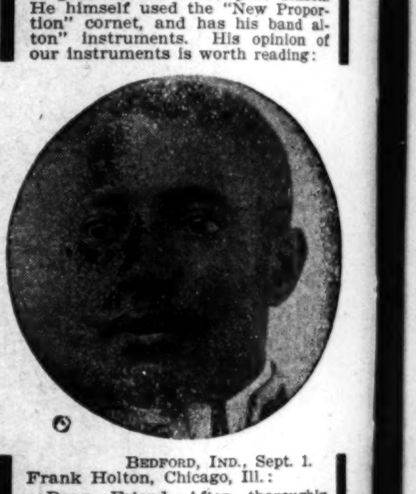

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In the Field of Sport.

BY HAROLD C. McGATH.

NOTES OF THE MANAGERS AND PLAYERS.

By DAVID WYATT.

Charles A. Mills, the genial manager of the St. Louis Giants, is off in front of the bunch. He writes that he has his line-up for 1910 all complete. He has secured the signature of William McMurry to a contract as captain. "Mack" is one of the greatest all-round young players that has broken into the game in years. The Giants should do well under his leadership. This lad is a grand performer, having played several different positions with credit while with the St. Paul Gophers.

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The Chicago Giants, who are booked to show at New Orleans during March, will run into strong opposition, as the Chicago "Cubs," Clevelands and New York "Giants" will consume the whole month playing exhibition games at that place.

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"Cyclone" Joe pitched the deciding game for the Los Angeles Trilbys against the Shamrocks (white), of that city. "Cyclone" tried hard and pitched well, but the white boys drew down the $100 side bet.

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Manager "Jack" Johnson writes that he will have a fast bunch to represent Kansas City the coming season. "Jack" has been running a skating rink all winter, and says he will be in fine trim when the bell rings.

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Albert Toney, one of the greatest infielders who ever cavorted around a diamond, writes from Louisville that he has had any number of flattering offers. Toney says his treatment at that place was of the gilt-edge variety, and he will probably remain.

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Charley Grant, considered by many to be king of second basemen, writes that he will remain in retirement unless we make an effort to do something for ourselves. Grant made trips to Cuba for years, and he says he never thought that the Cubans would turn on us. Charles says, as no one seems to want our company, we had better retire or go straight up. Grant was one of our greatest baseball players. Some years ago he accompanied the writer to Hot Springs, where we hatched a plan to better the condition of colored players. I placed the same before McGraw, whom I knew personally. After considering things, McGraw said that he could probably get Grant into the League as an Indian. I told Grant of the decision, but it did not appeal to him as right. After seeing Grant perform "Mac" became all enthused, and insisted upon us hunting up some long Indian name to be used. We manufactured one—Grant-a-muscogee. This made a hit with McGraw, but in the meantime some newspaper man had got "hep" to us and sent the news broadcast that the Indian find's name was Tokohoma. The idea that McGraw did not know Grant was a colored man is all bosh; the writer arranged the whole plan, and McGraw stuck to his word all the way through until the colored players and patrons of the game worked up so much sentiment that Ban Johnson took a hand. McGraw was one of the most loyal men I ever saw. McGraw told Johnson that it was a shame for a man to be barred from baseball on account of color, and he actually wept when he could go no further with Grant. In justice to Grant, I will say that at no time did he want to pass as anything but a colored player. There were a half dozen players on the Baltimore club then who knew Grant personally; two of them were Mike Donlin and Roger Bresnahan. George Rohe was raised up with him in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Jimmie Burke knew him well. All these agreed to play dumb, and they carried out the part. It was left to players with whom he had associated for years to have him turned down.

WHO IS WHO?

Players Who Can Play Uutility Roles.

By DAVID WYATT.

How many players can take care of all positions upon a team? How many can play three or four with credit? There are quite a few of the boys who can acquit themselves with glory when called upon for utility roles, but the lads who can play half a dozen positions are scare.

I know of two players who can and have played in faultless style all nine of the positions upon a team. Talbert, of the Leland Giants, broke into the fracas at short; he was then switched to third, and again changed to second; he played all positions in fine style, and is now about as nifty as any of 'em at the third corner. Binga was about the greatest third baseman that we have ever had, when all things are considered. "Bing" was a first-class catcher, and was about the only one who could handle the delivery of the famous "Cannon Ball" Miller when that gent had on one of his good days. "Bing" covered all positions upon the diamond except the slab; he could play the outfield. George Taylor could negotiate all positions with credit save pitching.

Amongst pitchers we have a few who are perfectly at home at first base or in the outfield. I think Walter Ball can cover the outfield along with any of the star out-gardeners. Ball has the faculty of pitching and playing other positions without a loss of control or effectiveness; he can play some infield, and is about as handy with the stick as any of 'em; he is a nimble base runner and a willing worker. George Wilson and "Rube" Foster follow close behind Ball, as both can play the outfield and are great hitters. James Smith played third, second and short in grand style, and was away up at all positions. Holland was a good utility man. Buckner was always placed in the outfield when not pitching, as he was some swatter; Buckner has hit the signs upon many a back fence. Bob Jordon, one of the greatest hitters who ever picked up a bat, could play three or four positions. Earl, a former pitcher, is said to be good in the outfield. There are others who could handle three or more positions.

In playing utility roles, it is not meant to merely complete the line-up; a man must have more than ordinary ability to be a successful player at one or more positions. Take the second baseman, for instance; he is the pivot around which the whole infield swings; he is called upon to take throws from all directions and from all angles. It quite often falls to his lot to engineer the majority of all plays; therefore, he must be alert at all times, and should be a quick thinker and quick to act. He has his own private signals with the shortstop to consider, and must keep in touch at all times with the battery signals, and quite often he dispatches the latter to outfielders, this being necessary, as some batters will hit a fast ball over the plate in one direction and a curve ball in another. A player knowing what style of ball is going to be thrown can about tell where to station himself in case the ball is hit.

A shortstop should have an extra good arm, as he has about the longest throw upon the infield. He should be a quick thinker and a fast fielder. It is important to be a good handler of balls hit to either side of him. He should acquire the knack of getting 'em away fast and with decision. This brings into play one of the highest faculties in baseball—that is, judge of pace. Short is the most difficult position upon the diamond to master; the balls usually go straight at him, and as a rule come off the bat after the ball has split the plate, which causes the ball to travel with great force; as the ball is usually right in front, he has got to work himself in position for a throw. A ball hit a little to one side is much easier to handle.

Third base is looked upon as being a most difficult position, which I admit to be true. A man must be a bundle of energy and fast with both feet and hands. The position is much easier to master than short, as the balls as a rule are always on one side or the other, and you are always in position for a throw.

Two men in the big leagues who were top-notchers at both positions were Wallace, of the St. Louis Americans, and George Davis, of the Sox. Some players who failed at short but were stars at third are Leach, Tannehill and Bradley.

A few things concerning the outfield positions are these: A colored player considers himself about off the baseball map when sent to right field regular. This is the most difficult field of them all to play, and a man should be very fleet-footed and a mighty good judge of batted balls before being placed in that position. Balls leaving the bat are always more or less curving when hit to right, and if they are minus the twist they are hit in direct contrast tc the will of the batsman, and will quite often catch the fielder napping. Some of the greatest men in the game are right fielders.

Center field is a position of much territory, and one should be a great ground-coverer and be a good judge of balls hit upon all sides as well as front and back. One should be a good thrower to play this position. The other gardeners are constantly on the alert for short hits, thereby causing the center fielder to handle long drives which quite often require throws to the home plate and third base.

We can see that to fill the position of utility man a player must have a surplus amount of the gray material under his lid, and the same must be backed up with plenty of mechanical or physical ability. To get back to my subject, I will say that Harry Moore, of the Leland Giants—now with the Chicago Giants—and Bowman, of the Royal Giants, are two men that can play nine positions in faultless style. Bowman is a star pitcher and a crack catcher, which might give him the edge, as Moore has not caught or pitched in years, but he is among the best at all other positions, and one of the best batters that I have ever seen. Moore is a pocket edition of the great Lajoie, their movements upon the diamond and the swing of their bats being alike. Moore is really such a grand player that one must be away up on baseball to appreciate his greatness. Bowman is also a finished player, but not the hitter and base runner that Moore is.

KANSAS CITY GIANTS READY TO WIN PENNANT

Will Fight Like Tigers for the Supremacy.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., February 10.—Kansas City will be in the field again this season, and Manager Jack Johnson says that when the gong sounds at the beginning of the season he will be there with the goods. And he has not been asleep, by any means. The Kansas City Royal Giants will be the name, and the grounds will be over on the Missouri side.

We are the "champions," he says, for there is no other club in the country that can compete with our record. won 128, lost but 19—and the real mentionable feature was the winning of 54 consecutive games. Our defeat of the Leland Giants, in the series with them, also entitles us to some credit.

The club should be faster this season than last, from the fact that the previous experience should be of some help to the men that will be retained, and the management is not overlooking any bets which look good for improvement.

They have been offered a place in the Texas Negro League, including Oklahoma City and Muskogee, but they figure the jumps from Kansas City would be too large to do them justice. They have been figuring some on leaving here about March 15, on a training trip through the South, and would like very much to hear from all leading clubs through Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi. Address Jack Johnson, 1005 McGee street, Kansas City, Mo.

The letterhead of the Kansas City Royal Giants is one of the prettiest get-ups we have ever had occasion to see in some time. In fact, we think it the best that is being used by any team in the business.

M. L. CLAWSON'S PLATFORM.

I am a candidate, as you know, for the nomination for Congress in this, the Seventh Congressional District.

I want the colored voters of this district to know how I stand with regard to their race, and I want it in such a form that it cannot be read in two ways.

I want them to put it in clear-cut English.

I want them to understand in addition that I a mthe first to champion their cause. Other candidates may follow if they so desire.

I will, if nominated and elected to Congress in this district, use every ounce of energy and influence I possess to secure the accomplishment of the following three things:

First—Reduced representation for the Democrats in the House in accordance with the actual voting strength in the Southern States.

Second—An appropriation for and an investigation of racial conditions in the South, to the end that the world may know the truth about the race problem in this counry.

Third—To secure, if at all possible, a decision upon its merits on the validity of the grandfather's caluse in the several State Constitutions.

Upon this platform, so far as the colored race is concerned, I earnestly solicit your influence and support. These are not new doctrines with me. I have advocated them for years, and I conscientiously will advocate them if nominated and elected. Very respectfully yours,

M. L. CLAWSON.

JOHNSON IN IT FOR THE MONEY.

Jack Johnson, the fighting minstrel, intends to run the Johnson brand onto as much mazuma as possible before he has to go into training. There is no law against it and every reason why Jack should make his hay while the sun shines. Johnson is a great spender and it takes a world of money to keep him going; he is making up for the seven long, hungry years.

When the men sat down for the first time to discuss ways and means of opening the fight to the bids of the various promoters and the division of the possible purse was under discussion, it was Jim Jeffries who asked for winner take all and a big side bet, and it was Johnson's white manager who hastened to sound the safe, sane and conservative note. Johnson said he was willing to fight, "winner take all," but balked a bit at the side bet.

"Here!" interrupted Johnson's manager. "Nothing like that! I don't want to be eating snowballs next winter if anything happens to Johnson in this fight. Let's make it 75 and 25 and the original side bet goes."

Johnson's manager showed sound horse sense, to say nothing of the canny instinct of a man already "in" several thousand bones. Johnson never used a manager for anything, except to draw money from him.

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The Galveston minstrel is going to have a very soft thing of it in a few months. Being already in fairly good training, he will not require more than two months of preparation for the big fight. Jeff will have to take five at least.

As soon as Jeff takes to the hills we will hear more about his exploits than was printed about Bwana Tumbo when he first headed into the jungle. All this free press agent stuff is going to make it easy for the dark end of the sketch to get money on the road. Jeff will be out in the woods working hard and getting into shape, and Johnson will be flitting from theater to theater, raking in the spoils and delivering short speeches about what he will do to the white man. If Johnson has a clever man at work signing up the dates for him he should make quite a small fortune before he is forced to knock off play and go to hard work.

It is an even money bet that if this happens we shall begin to hear loud wails from all over the country, and there will be a grand all-star revival of the parable about the cricket who was out chirping all summer, while the ant was out gathering in the moss and the honey and getting all readied up for a tough winter.

If the champion takes a notion to stay on the road until within a few months of the fight he will make a lot of money and buy a few new automobiles, and the affair will be his own business. He is entitled to all he can get out of the game.

Here is another rather interesting angle to this coming fight. It is rather early to count chickens, and it's never a good plan to add up your tickets until you see your number go up in front of the judge's stand, but suppose Jeffries wins this fight and wins it in impressive style, as they say on a race track. What will happen then?

The winner of this fight will get more money than most fighters have made in a lifetime. With the picture thing and the $75,000 which goes to the winner in a lump, a comfortable fortune is assured. Should Jeff win there wouldn't be another man in sight to give him an argument. Would the big fellow remain in training for a few years just to crowd Johnson back into the second-rate division? I don't think so. It hasn't been any too easy to get Jeff out of his retirement this time, and if he ever drops back again and announces his retirement he's likely to stay retired. And what then? Nothing much, only Johnson will be the legitimate claimant of the title as the next best man. If there is any argument about it, Johnson will proceed to clean up the bunch and establish his claim, and there you are again. A man cannot retire from the ring and take his title with him. He must leave that to be fought for by the other fellows.

With the biggest clean-up in history tucked away in Jeff's bank, some fat theatrical dates in sight and a possible quarter of a million to be cleaned up, what incentive would there be for another fight?

On the other hand, if Johnson wins, we are right where we started. There will be a black champion in the world, and the only man who is conceded to have anything like an even chance with Johnson is another black man—Langford—and there you are.

It isn't anything which Johnson has ever shown in the ring that worries Jeff's supporters these days. It is the big one himself. How good is he? How far can he go? Can he still take a terrific pounding on the jaw without wabbling?

The Johnson who whipped two middleweights—one of them a good middleweight—couldn't have whipped one-half the man who retired after disposing of the heavyweight crop so thoroughly that they couldn't find another man to draw a decent house against him. The question is: Will it be the same solid Jeffries who comes back, or will it be a fine-looking shell?

A month before the fight will be time for the Prognosticators' Union to get on the job. Everything up to now is guesswork. Put four months' hard training under Jim's belt and we will begin to know something about where he stands.

C. E. VAN LOAN.

JOHNSON LECTURES AT NEW YORK Y. M. C. A.

Jack Johnson walked right up to the Colored Men's Branch of the Y. M. C. A. last week and gave a lecture in aid of a plan to equip a new gymnasium there. He arrived in a taxicab, he departed in glory, and during at least five minutes of the time he occupied in speaking there was hardly a dry eye in the place.

Mounting, the platform, the orator told of his early struggles and obscurity, but how nevertheless he had always contrived to maintain his mother in comfort and placidity of mind.

Coming then to the pith of his discourse, Johnson said:

"To approach intelligently or to apprehend the psychology of pugilism it is essential that the student grasp the distinction between its venal side and that side that makes for the upbuilding of manliness with all that, in the common acceptation of the term it implies. By natural cleavage the subject separates automatically into these train aspects, classifications, forms, terminologies or departments. I take it that what I say is obvious without further exegesis or elucidation. Good.

BE SOBER, SAYS JACK.

"Depth of lung, then, although of assistance, is not quintessential nor should its place be magnified in the scheme, plan or scope of pugilism. Sobriety, application, sobriety. Write those down in your notebook. Sullivan subsists by vaudeville and the pen, and Corbett as a serious factor in pugilism is moribund if not defunct. Thomas Sharkey has passed from the domain and Mr. Jeffries will pass. I do not animadvert, but sobriety is the touchstone of success; it ne plus ultra, its entre nous.

"One word more. The private cultivation of the manly art of which I am an humble exponent I recommend as an invaluable offset or antidote to the practice, lamentable, but, alas, too common, which obtains among many of the young men of a certain race, namely, the requisition of concave steel in cases of argument between gentlemen. Learn to use your hands and not to fall over your own feet. Your social success will follow as the dawn the dark, and in cases of misunderstanding and in disputations your plexus punch will prove mightier than your adversary's hollow ground.

JAMES J. JEFFRIES' RECORD.

July 2, 1896—Knocked out Dan Long in San Francisco in 2 rounds.

April 9, 1897—Knocked out T. Van Buskirk at San Francisco in 2 rounds.

May 19, 1897—Knocked out Henry Baker at San Francisco in 9 rounds.

July 17, 1897—Defeated Gus Ruhlin at San Francisco in 20 rounds.

November 30, 1897—Defeated Joe Choynski at San Francisco in 20 rounds.

February 28, 1898—Won from Joe Goddard at Los Angeles in 4 rounds.

March 22, 1898—Won from Peter Jackson at San Francisco in 3 rounds.

April 22, 1898—Won from Pete Everett at San Francisco in 3 rounds.

May 6, 1898—Won from Tom Sharkey at San Francisco in 20 rounds.

August 5, 1898—Won from Bob Armstrong at New York in 10 rounds.

June 9, 1909—Knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons at Coney Island, New York, in 11 rounds.

November 3, 1899—Won from Tom Sharkey at Coney Island, New York, in 25 rounds.

April 6, 1900—Knocked out Jack Finnegan at Detroit in 1 round.

May 11, 1900—Knocked out Jim Corbett at Coney Island, New York, in 23 rounds.

September 17, 1901—Won from Hank Griffin at Los Angeles in 4 rounds.

September 24, 1901—Knocked out Joe Kennedy at Los Angeles in 2 rounds.

November 15, 1901—Knocked out Gus Ruhlin at San Francisco in 5 rounds.

July 25, 1902—Knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons at San Francisco in 8 rounds.

August 14, 1903—Knocked out Jim Corbett at San Francisco in 10 rounds.

December 19, 1903—Exhibition match with Jack Munroe at Butte, Mont., 4 rounds.

August 26, 1904—Knocked out Jack Munroe at San Francisco in 2 rounds.

JOHNSON AND LANGFORD CLOSE TO GUN FIGHT.

They Engage in Exciting Wrangle in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa.—It is printed here and has been verified by the police department and by the county bureau of detectives that on the same night that Sam Langford recently met Mike Schreck here and disposed of him in a punch, that he and champion Jack Johnson had something near to a rough-and-tumble fight in a Negro club here. Johnson was showing in Pittsburg that night and after theater and fight time Langford went to a Negro club on the hill and there met Bob Armstrong, who was of the Johnson party that week. They were talking when Johnson came in, and without speaking to Langford began to slur Armstrong about his company, until Langford became angry and opened up on Johnson, threatening to whip him then and there. There was a crowd of Langford sympathizers in the club, and both Johnson and Bob Little, his manager, are said to have made moves toward their hip pockets.

Adam Mann, a giant Negro county detective, grappled with Johnson and took something away from Johnson, saying loud enough for all to hear: "It's good that gun is empty or I'd run you in." After this there was some difficulty in keeping Langford away from Johnson until Johnson left the club with Little. Mann declines to admit or deny that the object he and some others took from Johnson was a revolver.

The Pittsburg authorities say they did not learn of the fuss until next day when both had left town, but on investigating found no harm had been done, and decided to say nothing about it. Langford, in passing through Pittsburg to the coast, last night, told all about it, excusing himself for so doing by saying Johnson had been roasting him so much lately that he wanted the public to know that the big fellow had dodged a rough-and-tumble fight with him here.

BOTH FIGHTERS GAME TO THE CORE.

Neither Johnson Nor Jeffries Ever Showed "Yellow Streak."

By HARRY D. CASHMAN.

Is Jeffries game? Is Johnson game? These are questions the fight fans argue pro and con day in and day out. There is but one answer to both queries. Each has done everything asked of him in the ring without showing a trace of the white feather. That constitutes gameness, no matter what inkling of a faint heart may have gone with these performances.

I saw Jeff take an awful gruelling from Bob Fitzsimmons in San Francisco for seven rounds, only to come back in the eighth and put "Ruby Robert" on his back for the long count with a single blow. Jeff's face was a sight to behold; a gash above the right eye laid the skull bare for two inches; another below the left eye showed raw flesh for a similar distance. Jeff didn't stop, although he asked his seconds, "What are you trying to do, get me killed?"

There was a reason. The ring was an improvised affair in the open air. The flooring was an inch planking set on supports three feet apart. Under Jeff's bulk the flooring acted like a spring board and threw him off his balance while Fitz was able to glide about without getting the same effect.

I saw Frank Childs cut Johnson up in a gruelling fight way back in 1902, but Jack stuck for the finish and earned a decision from the hard hitting Negro. Nobody has really hurt the champion since, to my knowledge. He has played to the safe side in all his battles, winning by a shade without endangering his countenance.

Johnson's supposed cowardice may be based on the idea that he has repeatedly played away from men he might have knocked out. His answer to critics has always been unanswerable—"I won, didn't I?"

Jeff's case is somewhat different. It may be remembered that many times the big fellow has tried to find excuses for postponement, some three or four weeks before his important battles. Billy Delaney, who handled Jeff for many years, is in a quandry regarding his gameness.

"Once in the ring he is a bear," Delaney said many times, speaking of Jeff. "He never showed anything like a signal of distress. But I think I have seen symptoms of stage fright before every one of his important engagements. His excuses for asking a delay were ludicrous at times, a sore thumb or a slight cold being sufficient for him to assert that he would not box on the night specified. It took all kinds of persuasion to make him change his mind. It may have been his disposition, but it certainly gave us many a scare."

But the man searching for a yellow streak must have something to base his claim on. He cannot find it in the fighting records of either Jeffries or Johnson.

JOHNSON IS TOO WELL KNOWN TO TRY TO HIDE FROM THE LAW.

NEW YORK, February 10.—That Jack Johnson has too much at stake and is too well known to go in hiding was the decision of Justice Mulqueen, in the Court of General Sessions, in fixing the fighter's bail at $2,500 instead of the $10,000 bail demanded by Assistant District Attorney Jacoby, when Johnson was arraigned to plead to the indictment charging him with second degree assault on Norman Pinder, a Negro. Johnson was in Buffalo when notified of the indictment against him. He broke his theatrical engagement there and appeared in court next day. Jacoby declared to Justice Mulqueen that Pinder is in a serious condition.

Johnson pleaded not guilty, and was paroled in the custody of his counsel until February 2, when he furnished bond. He then left for Detroit.

District Attorney Whitman expects to bring Johnson to trial within six or eight week. Conviction carries with it a term of imprisonment of not more than five years, or a large fine, or both.

JOHNSON DISPLAYS GREAT STRENGTH IN ARM MUSCLES.

This is the second of a series of articles on the physical condition of Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion, who was examined at the request of the Evening Journal by Dr. Dudley A. Sargent, the foremost physical culture expert in the United States, at the Hemmenway gymnasium, Harvard, to determine the giant's fitness for the big fight next July.

The first article which was published in the Evening Journal, treated of Jack Johnson's general physical condition. In this and the succeeding articles Jack Johnson's physical strong points will be treated more specifically.

Jack Johnson's famous pounding left and defending right that have battled and defeated all of his opponents, and which will be the crucial points upon which will hang the result of his fight with Jeffries for the purse of $101,000, were found to be in excellent condition, well oiled and ideally developed, by Dr. Dudley A. Sargent in his searching physical examination of the giant pugilist.

Both the terrific left and right which have delivered scores of knockout blows in all parts of the world Dr. Sargent found to be developed perfectly.

In all of his fights Johnson has picked out the blows in the air and has proved a remarkable defensive fighter. He has proved speedy and has delivered his most telling blows with his right, holding on with his powerful left. When he cut loose in his fight with Tommy Burns, his right hand was used with telling effect. Johnson has used his left for "torment blows," and then came in at the finish with right uppercut, delivered coolly and successfully.

Dr. Sargent found that Johnson's arms were splendidly developed and wonderfully controlled. In all Johnson's physical development Dr. Sargent declared that his arms were the most remarkable features of his development.

So large and well developed were the champion's arms that the doctors had difficulty in fastening the straps around them when Jack's blood was tested and found normal.

Here is what Dr. Sargent had to say about Jack Johnson's arms after the vigorous tests:

"Jack Johnson's arms are splendid and the biceps are wonderfully developed and larger than the average. I found that his arm and shoulder muscles were not a bit tense. He handles them with ease and alacrity. Johnson is a rugged, strong man with a heavyweight attachment.

"The muscles in Johnson's arms are well oiled. Both the right and left arms measure 16 9-10 inches at the upper, the elbows are both 13 inches and the forearms measure 14 1-10 inches. That is great development.

"When I asked Johnson to hold his right arm out horizontally, I found that it was a wee bit locked, something like Jeffries'. I asked Johnson if he had ever broken his arm, and he declared that he never had and that it was just natural. He handles his arms with wonderful ease. This will count a great deal in his favor in the big fight, I believe. He demonstrated his ability to lift himself by his arms from the wooden bar, and he chinned himself easily. Then, on the horizontal bar, he dipped finely. This shows the control and power of his arm muscles.

"In the measurements of Johnson I found that his arm stretch was remarkably long. It was 19 centimetres, which is 7 9-10 inches.

"In the strength tests Johnson's right forearm showed up stronger than his left. In the test he did 65 with his right and 55 with his left. The muscles, I found, were in perfect control."

Dr. Sargent found that Johnson's upper arms were much stronger than the average. In the tests Johnson attained the figure of 100.5. The girth of Johnson's wrists were both identical, 7 7-10 inches.

"It would be considerable of a job to do Jack Johnson up," said Dr. Sargent after he had examined the fighter's arms. "He is a man who could fight hard and would fight hard."

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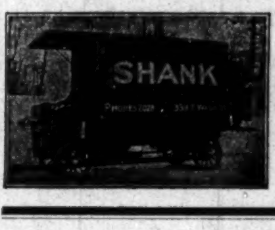

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

GET THE HABIT.

Read The Freeman—Religious, Political, Stage, Sport, and all other news. On sale at your news dealer or agent every Saturday.

Mrs. Cora Jackson, of Evansville, was in the city a few days this week.

Rev. G. T. Leggott, of Rushville, Ind., was in the city Monday visiting friends.

The Lottos will meet tonight with Mrs. Mary Johnson in West Fourteenth street.

The stork visited Mr. and Mrs. K. Edward Brown, in California street, and left a girl.

Mrs. Myrtle White, of Noblesville, was in the city Saturday to attend the performance of "His Honor, the Barber."

The Glee Club furnished the music on the Licoln Day program at Simpson Chapel last Sunday evening and Dr. Atkins delivered the address.

Mr. Arthur Goines, of the Pekin Barber Shop, has been called to his home at South Bend, Ind., on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Quarterly meeting at Simpson Chapel Sunday. Dr. G. C. Sampson, of Allen Chapel will preach at 3 p. m. We cordially invite you to be present.

Mrs. Cora Julius Spires, of Marion, Ind., was in the city this and last week to witness the performances of "His Honor, the Barber," and "A Trip to Africa."

Mesdames Henrietta Allen and Lizzie Phillips entertained at dinner last Friday Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tribble and Mrs. Ora Dunlop, at the home of Mrs. Belle Davis.

Rev. J. H. Manly, D. D., Presiding Elder of the A. M. E. Zion Church, will deliver his new lecture at Jones' Tabernacle Monday night next, subject, "Flirting with Death and the Undertaker." Admission free.

Witherspoon United Presbyterian Church wil celebrate the Lord's Supper, Sunday, Feb. 27. In conection therewith baptism will be administered to infants and the doors of the church opened for the reception of members.

Mr. Samuel A. Ratcliffe, who is director of the choir of the Witherspoon United Presbyterian Church, upromises the general public that the Annual Musicale which will be given March 15 will be a recital never before excelled by local talen in this city.

Don't miss the George Washington Inauguration and Galaxy of Races at Simpson Chapel Feb. 22. You must not fail to see Mrs. Susie Hopkins, the queen of England, and Mrs. Ada Stevenson, the queen of France. The Egyptian will be represented by Mrs. Biddie Richie, the German, Miss Wales, Belgius, Mrs. Stella Arnold, Katie Miles, Hungarian, Sweeds, Anna Dickerson. See Carrie Ross the Morish woman. Feb. 22.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.

Plans for the new building and appointment of committee for the $22,000 necessary for its erection have been made. Ten divisions from the church have been appointed and these divisions are expected to solicit funds from the public.

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Rev. H. J. Callis, Pastor.

The Spring Carnival will open April 4.

Bishop G. L. Blackwell will preach the Easter Sermon.

The Old Southland Sextette will appear March 18 in an old-fashioned Jubilee concert.

The Pastor's Club will have a Conundrum Supper March 9.

The pastor's subject Sunday morning will be "What Am I Doing with My Talent?" Rev. Fenderson will preach in the evening.

The Sunday school, which is rapidly growing, opens its sessions at 12.45. Lawyer Brokenburr's Bible Class is a special feature.

Rev. J. H. Manley, the Presiding Elder, will preach a special sermon Monday evening, subject, "Flirtink with Death and the Undertaker." The public is cordially invited to hear this sermon.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Great preparations are being made for the great Douglass Memorial which was instituted by the Colored Y. M. C. A. of Indianapolis some two years ago and is held each year in Tomlinson Hall on the Sunday nearest his death. The celebration of his birth is a matter of impossibility, as even Douglass himself was not sure of the exact date. The audience will be seated as in former years with the lower floor given over entirely to men, the first balcony to female organizations and ladies unattended, the second balcony for the general public, the platform for the ministers and invited guests.

The program will consist of an overture by the orchestra, singing of the Glee Club and audience, collection and an address by that peerless and brilliant orator, Maj. R. R. Jackson, of Chicago, head of the Uniform Ranks of Colored Knights of Pythias of America, on Frederick Douglass and the Lights and Shadows of the Race.

The platform will present a very pretty appearance on this occasion, as there will be a military front to it composed of the Brig. General and staff, also the commanding officers of the Uniform Ranks of the K. of P. Brig. Gen. Wm. C. Gardner has given his consent and has ordered out the battallion, who under the commanding officer will act as an escort to the speaker of the day, who with the president of the association and others will occupy seats in hacks which will have a prominent place in the procession, which will form in West North street in front of the Y. M. C. A. building and march to Tomlinson Hall, arriving in time for the opening of the program, which will begin at 2:45 p. m.

The Colored Y. M. C. A. Orchestra and Glee Club will begin their program at 2:30 p. m., just as the doors are thrown open to the public. Ladies unattended will be admitted to the hall any time after 2 o'clock, through the Delaware street entrance. A corps of ushers from the Y. M. C. A. membership will see to the seating of the cast throng. Seats will be reserved and held until 2:45 p. m. for all lady organizations, providing that requests for same are made at the office of the Colored Y. M. C. A., corner W. North and California streets, on or before Saturday, Feb. 19. All men are invited to participate in the parade. The Clay Band and Simpson Band have consented to play on this day. The exercises will be held Sunday, Feb. 20, at Tomlinson Hall at 2:45 p. m.

GEO. L. KNOX SPEAKS TO THE LINCOLN LEAGUE.

Special to The Freeman.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—The Lincoln League held a Lincoln Day exercise at Soulters Chaple Church on Friday night, Feb. 11. Hon. George L. Knox, the venerable editor of The Freeman, was the orator of the occasion. The vast audience literally hung on the words of the speaker as he told of the characteristics of the great emancipator. He drove the words home to every one as he showed the difference between Lincoln and the so-called friends of the Negro today.

Mr. Knox is a great favoite in Terre Haute. They hope that he will be spared many, many years to defend his people in season and out of season.

Geo. L. Knox is one man who dares to speak out for what he believes to be the truth. May his kind multiply.

Dr. D. A. Bethea was master of ceremonies during the evening. Dr. O. W. Langston, our popular dentist, sang a beautiful solo. Rev. J. L. Franklin, pastor of the church, made some pointed remarks in commendation of Mr. Knox's great oratorical effort.

THE MONSTER MEETING OF THE Y. M. C. A.

A Freeman representative atended the monster meting at Jones' Tabernacle last Sunday afternoon. He wes attracted to it by the announcement tnat a white Methodist minister would speak upon the subject of "The Negro's Debt." He was deeply impressed with the earnest, straightforward, sincere and honest matter of fact delivery of the Rev. George D. Wolfe. He reports as follows:

"Dr. Wolfe is first of all a plain, honest Irishman, a man well versed in the practical things of life, broad enough to see the questions of public interest from more than one point of view, and who will convince any one listening to him that he is a man with a burning message full of love for his hearers whether they be white or black people. He is not addressing colored young men for flowers, nor for the novelty of the thing, but sincerely and earnestly for the good he may do them in inspiring them to live better lives and think nobler thoughts.

"While felicitating the race upon the marvelous progress made since the day of emancipation, educationally, religiously, morally and financially, maintaining in singular frankness and candor tnat the status of the Negro is highly commendable, in the same strain the reverend gentleman emphasized the fact that if that splendid record made was to be kept unsullied and more lustre added thereto, it developed upon the Negro of today to pay the debt in honest sober lives and industrious habits, avoiding as far as possible any copying of the white man's vices. He warned them to shun the haunts of vice and to abhor evil, and to shun the liquor saloons, and abstinence from the contraction of the habits of extravagance and dissipation, which he assured them was more easily contracted than thrown off.

"He thought highly of such men of the race as Dr. Bowen, Dr. M. C. B. Mason, Frederick Douglas, Booker T. Washington and George L. Knox. This was indeed a most interesting meeting. President Kersey presided in the absence of General Secretary Taylor."

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Morris, the mother of Attorney W. R. Morris, of 3017 Second avenue South, is quite ill at the home of her sons.... Mrs. James Roberts, of 2832 Fifth avenue South, left the city Thursday evening of last week for a two weeks' visit with his brother in Davenport, Iowa....The M. T. C. Art Club met with Mrs. R. A. Van Hook, of 2900 Eleventh avenue South, last Thursday afternoon....Starting last Sunday, the St. Thomas Mission began holding services in their new church building, Fifth avenue South and Twenty-eighth street... All the federated clubs of this city journeyed over to St. Paul Tuesday afternoon and evening of last week and attended the mid-winter session of the Afro-American Women's Clubs of the Twin Cities, which was held at St. James A. M. E. Church, Mrs. I. E. Gibbs, of this city, presiding. The Choral Club of this city, under the direction of Mr. W. C. Jeffrey, rendered the music at the evening session along with the rest of the progrom, which was mostly rendered by characters from this city.... Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts and son will move to Indianapolis, Ind., the 25th of this month, from their residence, 3331 Ninth avenue South. Mr. Roberts expects to open a first-class drug store as soon as he arrives in Indianapolis. The good citizens extend to Mr. Roberts the best of success. ...The masquerade soiree and class party given by the Autumn Leaf Dancing School last Monday evening was quite a nice affair and attended by quite a number.... A grand musical and chorus with orchestra will be given at Bethesda Baptist Church, under the auspices of the Ladies' Dorcas Society, Tuesday evening, February 22. The orchestra will be under the direction of Mr. Andrew Quinn. Mrs. Ada Murphy and Miss Nettie Scott, soloists. The orchestra will consist of nine members, and you will miss a great musical treat if you fail to hear these artists. The best local talent will assist them. The Dorcas ladies will serve refreshments in Martha Washington costumes....Mrs. Gibbs Pleasant, of Twenty-first avenue South, who has been quite sick for nearly three weeks, is improving at this writing. ....Mr. C. H. Burch, of 2941 Pillsbury avenue, is quite ill at the Asbury Hospital. ....Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, of 2805 Pleasant avenue South, have moved to their new home, located at the corner of Fifth avenue South and Twenty-seventh street....Don't forget the selligh ride party to be given by the Wayman Home Circle of St. Peter's A. M. E. Church Tuesday evening, February 22. All are cordially invited to attend. Sleigh leaves St. Peter's Church, and will visit five different homes, and refreshments will be served, with a final round-up at the church....Mrs. Ada Beasley, of 2817 Chicago avenue, is still on the road to recovery....James F. Wilson, of 2818 Chicago avenue, is THE FREEMAN correspondent and agent in this city. Mr. Wilson would like to supply more people each week with a copy of THE FREEMAN, and also receive your news items before Saturday evening of each week....Special services were held at St. James A. M. E. Church last Sunday evening. Speeches on Lincoln were given by a few of our local citizens, and a number of musical selections were also rendered.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Kelley-Miller Company is pushing things here under the efficient president and general manager, W. C. Roberts, who sees that no one will not hear of this Negro enterprise....Charles W. Adams, the liveryman of Houston, was here the past week on business and seeing old friends....Mrs. Rev. C. L. Wiley visited Forney and Terrell in the interest of the Rescue Home which is located here.... Mr. O. S. Sallard presented his wife a fine Kimball upright piano....Tyler & Johnson is the new grocery firm now ready to serve you with fesh, cheap groceries and country produce on Cochran street....A large number of the members of Eavening Chapel C. M. E. Church banqueted last Monday night in the class and study rooms of the church. Many of the church friends and visitors were much delighted....Rev. M. E. Payne and family is here to benefit the health of his wife, who has been sick several months....Mrs. Lot Hill visited the bedside of her son in Waxahachie several days and has returned home....Robert Reed, who was some months ago stricken with paralysis, is on the road to recovery....The changing of street names now going on in the metropolis is giving much worry to the traveling public and strangers....Will Saunders, George Elder and Marguerite Bolden are improving.... Mr. Barney Hill is having two more rooms added to his residence on Cochran street. ....Drs. Scott and Voss, of Raleigh, N. C., were here at St. John's Baptist Church, corner Cochran and Allen streets, where they lectured to the citizens at the solicitation of the various Baptist ministers of the city, which it is hoped will improve conditions among the masses of our people.... The laymen of the Colored C. M. E. Church will hold a several days' session at Evening Chapel Church, corner Ball and Juliett streets, Dr. G. I. Jackson, pastor, when many interesting subjects bearing on the progress of our people will be discussed. ....The Blue Ribbon Club of ladies entertained at the Guess Who's Club on Main street Monday evening...Mrs. Uga Baker, of Clarksville, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Clarence Hamilton, on Cochran street..

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. T. C. Clay entertained the Elite Club last Wednesday evening. An enjoyable time was spent....Mr. George Johnson still continues quite ill at his home on Johnson street...Master Gardner Howard continues very sick....Mr. Henry Hill is improving....Miss Hilda Hodges left last Saturday to spend the remainder of the winter with her sister, Mrs. Samuel Carey. ....The Eastern Star are preparing to give a grand entertainment in the near future. Notice as to the time will be given later....The adult choir of the A. M. E. Church are also preparing for a grand entertainment...All wishing to subscribe for THE FREEMAN please see Mr. Will Manning....The A. A. O. O. O. are doing nicely. Come on, boys, and get in line; don't miss a good thing; you may wish for it in the future. Our organibers are doing well in all parts of the country. New get in; this is a new order, something that you don't know anything about.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Rev. Abbott, of Union Memorial Church, delivered a stirring and eloquent sermon last Sunday, taking for his subject "Christian Watchfulness."....The young men of the Y. M. C. A. are preparing for a grand $500 rally to come off on the last of the month....Mr. Rufus Graham, a St. Louis boy, is now back in the city, after a world's tour in the United States naval service... Mr. Pierson, of Webster Groves, is now convalescing, after a severe spell of illness....The remains of Mrs. Martha Pope, sister of Mrs. John Robinson, who died recently in Portland, Ore., have just been sent here for burial....A monster mass meeting of the colored people met at Douglass Hall Monday night to protest against the discrimination shown by the census officials in the recent examinations. The meeting was addressed by Editor Murray, of the Advance, A. W. Loyd and other prominent men of the city....District Superintendent Easten has called for a union meeting of the various Christian Endeavors of the city to meet at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church Sunday, February 27.

DECATUR, ILL.

Mrs. Mollie Metlock and Mrs. Crockett are still on the sick list....Mrs. Belle Woods, of Delavan, is the guest of A. D. Cecil and family this week....Mrs. Alice Caldwell, of Clinton, was called to Decatur by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Jane King....Moses King, of Chicago, paid a visit to his mother, Mrs. Jane King, of this city, last week....Frances and Douglas Cecil gave a valentine party to thirty of their little friends Saturday afternoon, February 12. Every one had a good time. They received some beautiful valentines. ....The revival services at St. Peter's A. M. E. Church are progressing nicely. There have been several additions to the church. Rev. J. L. Thomas, of Normal, is assisting Rev. J. T. Morrow in the meetings....Miss Marie Ellison, of Jacksonville, was visiting friends in Decatur Sunday....Mr. Moses Bass, who has been in St. Mary's Hospital for several weeks, is able to be out....Mrs. Garner, of Detroit, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mos. J. Browner, has returned to her home....Miss Zadie Smith, of Springfield, is the guest of the Misses Banton this week....Mrs. George Nickens returned from Springfield, where she went to hear Booker T. Washington speak....Mrs. J. Burmell has returned from Lincoln, where she has been visiting her son Fred.... Francis Rogan, of Mason, was visiting relatives in Decatur last week....Dr. H. C. Ganaway and H. A. Watkins were in Springfield Sunday to hear B. T. Washington speak.

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Rhoda P. Steele vs. John H. Steele.

Be it known, that on the 14th day of February, 1910, the above named plaintiff, by her attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant is not a resident of the State of Indiana and that said cause is for divorce and said defendant is a necessary party thereto, and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said Court, and answer or demur thereto on the 15th day of April, 1910.

Now therefore, by order of said Court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 15th day of April, 1910, the same being the 11th judicial day of a term of said Court to be begun and held at the Court House in the City of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in April, 1910, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence.

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